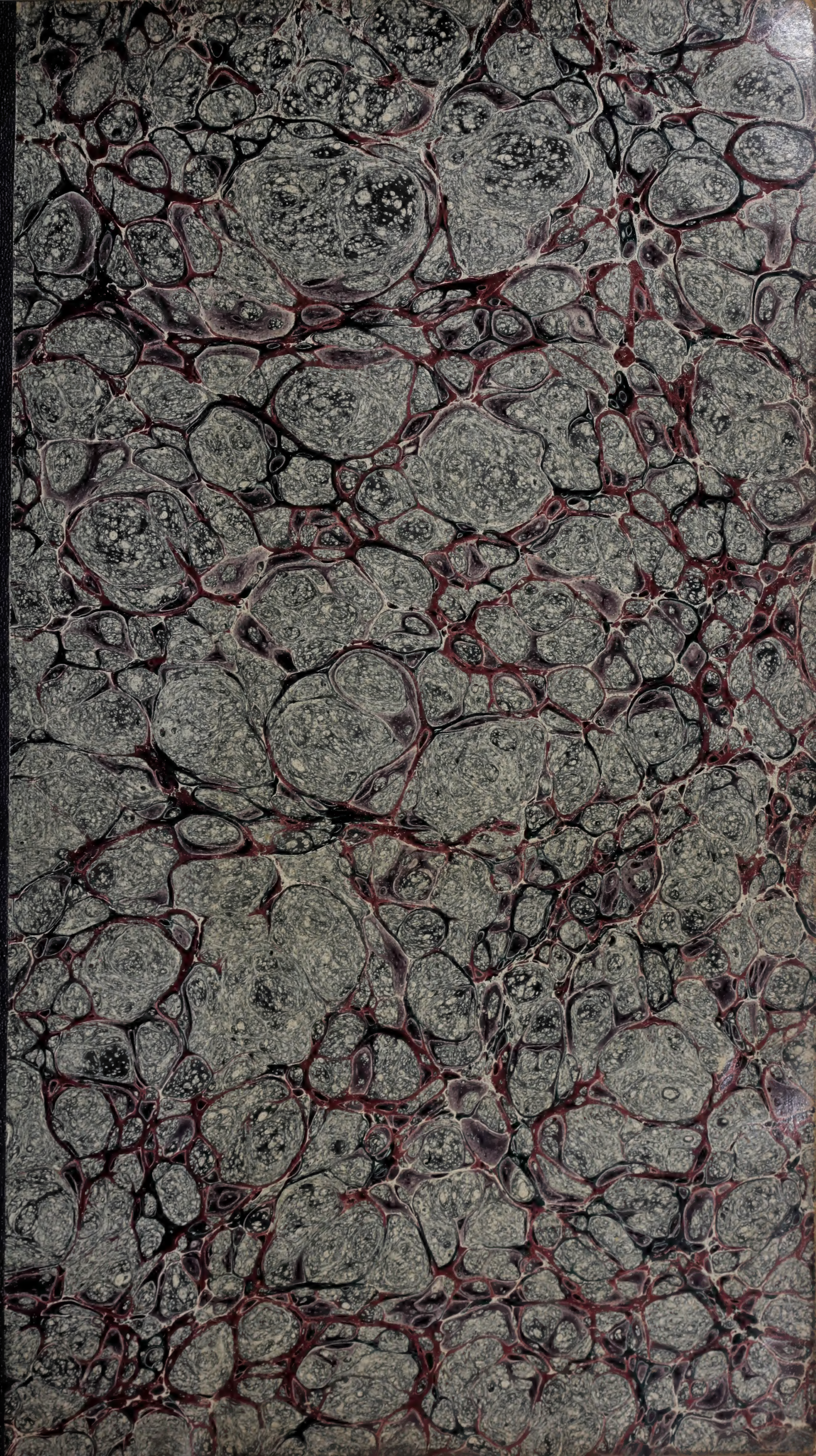


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August  
1877

The Managers held their monthly meeting on  
Tuesday, August 28.

The First Directress, Treasurer,  
Secretary, and Nine Managers were present.

Voted

That all bills be paid.

Voted

That Mrs. Lyman and Miss Paine be the Committee  
for the next month.

Mrs. Sharp of Jamaica Plain applied  
for a girl; she wished one older than those now  
in the Asylum, and it was thought that  
Georgie Jenkinson who did not do well in her  
present place might suit Mrs. Sharp. The matter  
was left to the Committee for the next month.

Mrs. Sherman the mother of Alice McElroy applied  
for her daughter. She brought good references and  
it was Voted That Mrs. McElroy's (Sherman's)  
request be granted.

Mrs. Allen also applied for her daughter  
Laura. She was known to be an excellent woman,  
and earned a good livelihood in the Mills of  
Lowell. She wished very much to have her fam-  
ily together and brought excellent recommendations.  
She proposed that Laura should go to school and  
at the same time earn her board by doing  
light housework for a friend of Mrs. Allen's.

Voted

That Laura Allen be ~~boarded~~<sup>given up</sup> to her mother.

Mrs. Myers with whom two of the children were  
boarded was very sick and in the Hospital.  
The two children had been taken to Mrs. Frye; the  
Committee thought that the baby had better  
remain there and that Maffie Lincee should be  
taken into the Asylum. This arrangement was  
approved by the Board.

Adjourned -

Mary Anne Wales, Sec<sup>y</sup>



Sept. 1877 The Annual Meeting of the Boston Female Asylum was held on Tuesday, Sept. 23, at 10 A. M.

Mr. Chaney opened the meeting with a prayer and then baptized the children whose names follow: Ellen Blazo, Sarah E. Martin, Martha Palmer, Amy Meritt Bourn, Cynthia M. Hadley.

The children sang after which the report for the year was read by the Secretary.

Report for the Seventy Seventh Anniversary of the Boston Female Asylum.

Throughout the year since last September the Asylum has been crowded as you see it today. This is said not boastfully, but pathetically.

We are glad, it is true, to have been able to offer a home to so many who sorely needed it; but that so many should have needed it is cause for regret,

and we cannot but hope that when better times come the claims upon the Asylum will be less numerous. Ninety eight children is a large family to father under one roof. To the children the life is a happy one; it is to them we hope a large family rather than an Institution. But to those whose charge it is to make this family life what it should be the care and responsibility are great and we would gladly have it lessened.

It has been fortunate that in spite of the hard times many of the children's mothers have been in better circumstances than when they placed their daughters here, and have wished to give them a home of their own. The homes they offered seemed good, and we were in most cases able to grant their request. Sixteen girls who were here at the last Anniversary are gone today. One of these, a little girl who was always very delicate has died; the other fifteen have almost all been taken by their relations, though for a few good places have been found.



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We should like the girls who leave the Asylum to go well equipped for their work in life with a good knowledge of Cooking and the other industrial arts of the household. This is not possible to the extent that we desire partly owing to our large numbers. Something however is accomplished and we hope that none who change their home here for other homes, will carry with them Shiftless and unhandy ways. In Sewing and Knitting we have no reason to be disappointed. The number of garments finished tells its own story of Steady, industrious work. It is 1629, and of this the dresses Count up to 418. In Knitting also the Children have not been behind hand; the number of Stockings Knit is over 300, and of Mittens 75.

The Managers have wanted this year to bring into the Asylum as many as possible of the little ones, who had been during the two previous years taken under our care and placed at board. Many of these had grown old enough to profit by Asylum influences. Eight of them have now joined their older companions here, and are taking their first steps in learning in the nursery School-Room under their young Teacher, who controls her little Scholars with gentle yet firm hand. Besides these eight-nine new children have been admitted, and that is the largest number we were able to take. The Managers were decided not only to keep the number at one hundred, but also to leave a little margin, so that no urgent case should be refused. This rule has been adhered to, and although several applications have been necessarily refused, it is not believed that the claim in these cases was very strong. Sometimes it is manifestly better not to make the way of parents and guardians too easy in transferring their responsibilities; and if one door is shut another is often opened. From motives of economy we have also been very careful in the matter of boarding out



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little children and only two have this year been taken in this way. Ten in all are now at board under the charge of the Asylum. Last year we outran our current income and though some savings laid by prevented us from encroaching on our Capital, we have been careful not to incur the same risk again. Our property has been increased a little by the receipt quite lately of £2000, left to the Asylum several years ago by the late Quincy Tufts, to be paid on the death of his sister which occurred last spring.

The year's record affords nothing else of special interest to our friends except the general good account of the eleven girls who had last December finished their apprenticeship. A clearly good record stands against eight of their names; one has not done well, but is improving; one is dead; one was taken by her mother several years ago, and has not for a long time been heard of by us. At year after year the record book is looked over to see what is known of the girls who have just passed out of the guardianship of the Asylum, the proportion of those marked as doing well is on an average quite as high as this year. Of course this is not all that can be desired. Though the number of those who go astray is very small, we should like to be more sure that the rest are aiming at a really high standard of excellence. We can however only go on sowing the seed, trusting that it will in due time bring forth the thirty, sixty, even the hundred fold.

Mary Anne Wales.

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The report was followed by the children's singing and the prizes were then distributed by the First Directress to the children whose names follow.



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The piece of six dollars to the Most Interesting Girl was awarded to Isabel McPherson.

To	Peleg E. Edwards	for Usefulness	\$3.00
"	Laura G. Allen	"	\$3.00
"	Annie Bell	Improvement	\$3.00
"	Elizabeth Miller	"	\$3.00
"	Mary L. Proctor	"	\$3.00
"	Margaret G. Scannel	Usefulness	\$3.00
"	Frances S. Sarnoli	Improvement	\$3.00
"	Frances S. Sarnoli	Good Conduct	\$3.00
"	Mary E. Leach	Good Conduct	\$3.00
"	Alice V. Butler	Good Conduct	\$3.00
"	Minnie Bell Clark	"	\$3.00
"	Lilly Rowen	Improvement	\$3.00

After the distribution of the prizes the children sang again. Addresses were made by Mr. Rufus Ellis and Mr. Chaney. More singing followed. The benediction was pronounced by Mr. Chaney and Subscribers were invited to adjourn to the Managers' Room. The following list of Managers for the ensuing year was proposed and elected.

First-Directress	—	Mrs. Maria Cordum
Second Directress	—	Miss M. E. C. White
Treasurer		Miss Sarah C. Paine
Secretary		Miss Mary Anne Hales

Managers	
Mrs. Chas. E. Ware	Mrs. Chandler Robbins
Mrs. F. W. Tracy	Miss Abby M. Hotel
Mrs. Philip H. Sears	Miss H. L. Brown
Mrs. Ohio Bullard	Miss Gertrude S. Ellis
Mrs. Theodore Lyman	Miss A. L. K. Smith
Miss Marianne Paine	Mrs. Grady S. Curtis

### Proceedings of the Managers

The First-Directress, Treasurer, Secretary and



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Nine Managers were present.

Told

That all bills be paid.

Told

That Miss Brown and Miss Schiel be the Committee for the next month.

Mrs Sharp had the Committee reported taken Georgie Jenkins and was thus far well pleased with her. Georgie expressed herself much satisfied with her place. Mrs. Boyden <sup>had</sup> taken again Ellen Copeland, who was doing much better. Ida Harvey now eighteen years old had gone to live with Mrs. Theodore Thayer. Mrs. McGloay had taken Alice. Mrs. Thompson applied for her niece Elizabeth Byers. She was the wife of a boat-builder and brought a long list of good references both as to character and circumstances. She lived in New Brunswick but was now in Cambridge waiting the decision of the Managers. Her niece was quite old enough to leave the Asylum and the only doubt which the Managers felt came from the objection of Mrs. Byers, the step-mother of Elizabeth - who had put her into the Asylum protect with her own children. It was finally

Told

That Mrs. Thompson's request be granted.

Four applications for the admission of children were presented. Mrs. Smith, a very respectable American woman deserted by her husband, wished a home for two little girls four and nine years old. Miss Clapp applied for the admission of a little girl four years old named Rhodes. The mother had been deserted by her husband but could maintain her other children if this little one could be provided for. The fourth application came from Mrs. Hudson, a woman left with a child two years and a half old to support. Mrs. Hudson, though willing to work, was not capable enough to earn wages sufficient to support herself and her child. Her case was represented by a very respectable woman



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Voted

for whom she had been doing housework.

That - Mrs. Smith's children be admitted, that - G. Rhodes be admitted, being placed at-board for a few weeks, that - Minnie Hudson be taken under the charge of the Asylum and boarded with Mrs. Tolson.

There had been nine cases of whooping cough at the Asylum; they had mostly been light, but one little girl Carrie Desmond was very ill indeed.

Voted

That - Lydia Hapgood's salary be henceforth four dollars a week.

Voted

That - the thanks of the Managers be expressed to - Mr. Theodore Thayer for his kind attention in frequently sending Carriages for the children's accommodation.

Adjourned -

Mary Anne Wales, Secy

October  
1877

Proceedings of the Managers at their monthly meeting held on Tuesday, Oct. 30.

The First Directress, Treasurer, Secretary and Eleven Managers were present.

Voted

That all bills be paid.

Voted

That - Mrs. Ware and Mrs. Robbins be the Committee for the next month.

Two applications to take children for adoption were made. The first - came from Mr. & Mrs. F. S. Eastman of Melrose; they would like Esther Haffin, who was now seven years old; Esther's mother was dead, and her father had not been heard from for so long a time that it was not thought that he would interfere. The second application came from Mr. & Mrs. Humphrey Hall of Waltham; they wished to take Annie Jones, who had no parents and was now ten years old. The recommendations in both cases were excellent and it was

Voted

That both these requests be granted.



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Mrs. Smith had no put her little girl into the Asylum, but the other two children mentioned at the last meeting had come.

Application for the admission of her two little girls had been made by Mrs. Aitken a widow. She was an American woman and had no near relatives living; her husband's relations were poor; her own health was breaking down under sewing machine work by which she earned \$3.00 a week; of this two dollars went for rent. This case seemed a pressing one and it was voted that Mercina Frances and Martha Kelly Aitken be admitted.

Mrs. Gardner applied for the admission of her little girl eight years old. She had been deserted by her husband. The Managers did not think they had sufficient information on this case. It was therefore left for the Committee for the next month to investigate further with power to admit the child if they think best.

Mrs. Brewster a respectable looking woman at Leice in Leam applied for a home for her two little girls. This application it was thought necessary to refuse. It was

to take into the Asylum Annie Kirby and Mary Bordin now at board, both being full grown.

Carrie Desmond who was very ill at the last meeting had died during the month.

That the body of Annie Sullivan be removed to Cedar Grove Cemetery, in accordance with a promise made to her before her death.

The Committee reported the School in very good condition; the reading and writing were good. The washing was found to be poorly done and the Committee for the next month were requested to give it their special attention.

Mrs. Leason was delighted with Richard Kowalski.



Nov. Oct. 1877 Voted That the wages of Elizabeth Strain be raised from \$2.30 to \$3.00 a week.

A note was read from Mr. Johnson declining to receive any pay this year for his instructions in Sept. Voted That a vote of thanks be sent

to B. Johnson for his kindness.

Voted That the Treasurer is authorized to invest in Conn. & Passumpsic River Rail Road the Two Thousand Dollars received from the estate of the late Quincy Tufts, as well as certain other moneys mentioned by her.

Lost That Mrs. Bullard and Mrs. Tracy be a Committee to examine the Treasurer's books.

The Treasurer's report was then read.

Treasurer's report — October 20, 1877.

	Cash on hand Oct. 5, 1876	2292.25-
Received	Interest Mass. Hospital Life Ins. Co.	2400.-
	Appleton Fund	60.-
	Dividends on Bank Stock	3073.25-
	Taxes on Bank Shares refunded by the State	38.73
	Dividends on Railroad Stock	1730.-
	Interest on Railroad Bonds	2660.-
	Dividends Lawrence Gas. Co.	1700.-
	Interest U. S. Bonds	300.-
	Premium on gold	18.19
	Interest on deposits in Savings Banks	1054.64
	Extra dividend Provident Institution for Savings	308.60
	Rents and Interest on mortgage from Rowe Estate	238.66
	Dividends Cocheco Co.	50.-
	48 Subscriptions	144.-
	Return dividend on assessment paid to Mechanics Mutual Insurance Co.	47.-
	Income for the Year	14645.07

Received part of the principal of mortgage on Rowe Estate

Legacy of Quincy Tufts

500.-

2000.-

19,437.32



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Paid, for	Provisions	5348.14
	Salaries & Wages	3345.53
	Orders to the Matron for the use of the Asylum	75.-
	Clothing	1401.84
	Furniture	196.54
	Repairs	360.16
	Incidental Expenses	679.24
	Fuel	763.77
	Board of Children	2186.25
	Instruction of Ida Swift -	200.-
	Rent of pews in Hollis St. Church	100.-
	Insurance	90.-
	Prizes	66
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### Stock Account

Mass. Hospital Life Insurance Co.	4,000.-
" " " Appleton Fund	1,000.-
" " " Bank Stock	50,200.-
170 Shares Lawrence Gas. Co.	17,000.-
1 Share Cocheco Co.	500.-
26 Shares Boston & Albany R.R.	2600.-
120 " Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R.R.	12,000.-
100 " Philadelphia, Wilmington & Baltimore R.R.	6,250.-
7 " Fitchburg R.R.	910.-
1 Share Lowell R.R.	300.-
U. S. Bonds	5,000.-
Conn. & Passumpsic Rivers R. R. Bond	1,000.-
Cincinnati & Indiana R. R. Bonds	4,375.-
Chicago Burlington & Quincy " "	7,000.-
Burlington & Missouri R. R. Bonds - Spring Fund	6,280.-
Burlington & Missouri in Nebraska R. R. Bonds	3,000.-
Illinois Grand Trunk R. R. Bond	1,000.-



Oct. 1877	Boston & Albany R. R. Bonds	7,220 .
	Philadelphia Wilmington & Baltimore R. R. Bonds	6,190 -
	Deposit in Suffolk Savings Bank	14,930.34
	" " Provident Institution for Savings	6,176.71
		<u>194,932.25</u>

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Sarah C. Paine, Treasurer Boston Female Asylum  
 Assisted - Mary Anne Hales Secy

Nov. 1877 The Managers held their monthly meeting on Tuesday Nov. 27.

The First - Directress, Treasurer, Secretary, and Twelve Managers were present.

Voted That all bills be paid.

Voted That Mrs. Tracy and Mrs. Curtis be the Committee for the next month.

It was reported by the Committee that Mr. Eastman wished several papers of adoption for Esther Wiggin; these the Asylum had of course no right to give, but the Managers hoped that Mr. Eastman might succeed in obtaining them from the proper authorities.

Mrs. Gardner's little girl had been admitted, as the case had seemed to the Committee a worthy one. The child had however run away twice and the mother had taken no particular pains about returning her; the last time she had not been returned at all.

Voted That this child cannot be re-admitted, in case she be presented again.

Mrs. Mulerman, with whom Peter Street had been until her mother induced her to return to her, now made application for another girl; she would like Annie Bell. Annie however, preferred staying in the Asylum where she was very useful. It was therefore

Voted That Annie Bell be bound to the service of the house, and that their old girl be offered to Mrs. Mulerman, saying of whom she may take if she desire to do so.



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Tues

Mrs. Fortune, a woman deserted by her husband and herself well recommended, applied for the admission of her little girl nine years old. The case seemed urgent & it was

Dec. Laura M. Fortune be admitted.

It was stated that a friend of Mrs. Shafter's wished to take a girl from the Asylum. The matter was left to the Committee for the next month to decide.

Matta Palmer had been very ill with membranous croup and two other children had been sick; all were, however, now better. A nurse had been needed and the Committee thought she would be wanted a while longer. The time of her stay was left to the Committee for the next month.

A letter of resignation from Mrs. Bartlett was read, which it was necessary to accept.

It was thought that in consideration of Mrs. Bartlett's long and faithful services a certain number of months' salary in advance should be given to her, but the exact amount was left to be settled at the next meeting.

Tues

That Winifred McCarly's salary be raised from \$2.30 to \$3.00 a week.

A very kind offer was received from Mrs. Quincy Shaw to provide a kindergarten teacher for the children with the necessary school furniture.

on account of the more pressing business which demanded the attention of the Managers it was not possible to decide about this new plan and the Managers could only send their grateful thanks to Mrs. Shaw for her kindness.

Many candidates for the position of Matron had been sent; only four of these seemed at all suitable, and the one liked best was Mrs. Keenan, who had been well known as a nurse by many of the Managers. In character she was thought to be all that was desirable. Some of the ladies feared that her health was not sufficiently strong



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for the work. After much consultation it was decided to employ Mrs. Newman for three months on trial, at a salary of \$300.00 a year.

The Treasurer reported that she had received \$300.00, a legacy to the Asylum from the late Miss Eliza Powers. She wished authority to invest this and other moneys in Fitchburg Railroad Bonds instead of the Conn. & Passumpscic mentioned at the last meeting.

Tues  
Voted

That the Treasurer's request be granted.

Adjourned.

Mary Anne Wales, Secy

December  
1877

The Managers held their monthly meeting on Tuesday December 27, the preceding Tuesday being Christmas.

The First and Second Directresses, Treasurer, Secretary and twelve Managers were present.

Voted

That all bills be paid.

Voted

That Mrs. Sears and Miss Egan be the managers for the next month.

The Committee reported that they had had a very pleasant month. Mrs. Newman had come Dec. 1, had been received very pleasantly by those in the house and did not seem at all uncomfortable.

Annie Dennis had gone to Ashburham, and was very happy with her adopted father and mother.

Mrs. Waterman had taken Margaret Stannard, a young girl, and now wished to have her bound to her by Indenture.

Mr. & Mrs. Geo. Boynton of Terry, N. C. applied for a girl and woman like Lilla Howard.

Mrs. Stuart, a relation of the person who paid Lilla to the Asylum, also wished to take her. It was decided that Lilla should not go to Mrs. Stuart.

The Committee for the next month were



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Requested to obtain the necessary information  
about Mrs. Boynton, as the letters of recommendation  
sent referred only to Mr. Boynton. If the account  
received should prove satisfactory it was  
That Letty Standard be bound to Mr. & Mrs.  
Boyd.

The Sisters of St. Margaret made application for  
the admission of a child in a school for  
named school. The child had been blind and  
the father was left with this child of ten years  
and a young boy with no means of supporting  
them.

That this child be admitted and placed at board  
with Mrs. Sherman; and that Emma Anderson, now  
boarding with Mrs. Sherman, be received into the  
School.

An application which would be entirely successful had  
been presented in the eyes of the Board.

The children had in various ways enjoyed  
pleasant Christmas entertainments.

The Committee had talked with Mrs. Shaw  
about the proposed Kindergarten and had found that  
it was about twelve children for whom it would  
prove very advantageous. It was therefore

To accept Mrs. Shaw's offer with many thanks.  
That the special details be left to the Committee  
for the next month to arrange.

A very satisfactory letter was received from Miss Fisher  
of the Board of the Kindergarten - stating that Mr. H. C.  
that \$1000 money fund in advance be placed in the  
hands of the Bank towards paying Mrs. Bartlett's  
expenses for the year. The Managers were requested to send  
to Mrs. Goodwin what portion they felt inclined  
to give towards making up the rest of the year's  
expenses.

Adjourned,  
Miss Anne Miles, secy.



January  
1848

The Managers held their monthly meeting on  
Tuesday Jan. 7.

The First-Deaconess, Reverend, Secretary  
and ten Managers were present.

Voted

That all bills be paid.

Voted

That Mrs. Ware and Miss Storer be the Committee  
for the next month.

The Committee reported that the Kindergarten  
teacher had been engaged and that the children  
would be very happy and improved very much.  
They also reported that Mrs. Newman had been ill and  
continued to be so nearly all the month. She  
was much liked by all in the house and seemed  
to have a special interest in the children.

Mrs. Hackett had now an afternoon Sunday School  
for the little children, which she thought worked very well.

There was some trouble about the nursery stove and the  
matter was referred to the Committee for the next month.

Mrs. Newman thought the carrying up of the coal  
to be heavy for the children; the Committee for the  
next month were requested to make arrangements with  
the choraman to do this work.

A good recommendation of Mrs. Brynton had  
been received and Betty Stanwood had gone to  
Italy according to the vote passed at the last  
meeting.

A request was made by Mrs. Aitken to take the  
charge of her two grand children, placed in the orphan  
by their mother in the autumn. The mother was disor-  
dered by a weakless woman and the grand mother brought  
good recommendations. It was thought best to use  
indentures as the mother might be inclined at some  
time to claim the child again. It was accordingly

Voted

That Martha Kello Aitken be bound to her  
grandfather and grand mother.

Mrs. Godwin had received from the Managers  
\$3.00 for Mrs. Bartlett.

Adjourned

Mary Anne Stiles, Secy.



Feby. 1878

The Managers held their monthly meeting on  
Tuesday, February 26.

The First-Directress, Treasurer, Secretary  
and Eleven Managers were present.

Voted That all bills be paid.

Voted That Miss Brown and Mrs. Tracy be the Committee for  
the next month.

The Committee reported that application had  
been made for the admission of two children of Mr. Lee.  
The mother was dead and the father now serving a  
seven months' sentence in jail. The children were brought  
to the Asylum by a respectable man, Mr. Hayden, with  
whom they had for some time been boarded. Their names  
were registered at the Asylum and were put in for  
admission. Mr. Lee had agreed to look  
after them. These circumstances having been heard, it was  
Voted That the act of the Committee in admitting Sarah  
Maria and Mary Edward Lee is sanctioned by the Board.

Setty Stanwood had proved very untrustworthy in her  
place and had been returned to the Asylum by  
Mr. Hayden. Two applications for her had been received  
and it was

Voted That the Committee for the month are authorized to  
make any arrangement with regard to her which  
they may deem best.

An application from a Mr. & Mrs. Rice to adopt Mattie  
Palmer had been received. It was

and the request was granted.  
Mrs. Catherine H. Trueman came with the two best  
recommendations and desired to take Jenny McGuire  
on wages of \$1.25 or \$1.50 a week.

Voted That her request be granted.

The Committee thought that the Kinder, after her  
was getting good control of the children, some of whom  
had behaved badly.

Mrs. Newman's health was improving, but she was  
still so delicate that it did not seem wise to



Feb. 17/8 make a permanent arrangement with her as Matron.  
It was therefore voted to engage her again on trial for  
three months.

Adjourned - Mary Anne Wales - Secy

List of girls who completed their apprenticeship Dec. 1877

Mary Ida Harvey - Living with Mr. & Mrs. Thayer -  
Doing well.

Florence A. Nason - Dead -

Elizabeth Service - Living out in Boston -

Mara E. Tuttle - Living with Aunt; about to be  
married.

Georgiana Long - Went to California with her  
mother.

Ellen Dyer - With her aunt.

Ida Burpee - Living out in Roslindale  
Doing well.

Adelaide S. Fisher - In Chelsea with her mother.  
Unsat's factory.

Annie Eugenia Street - Very poorly married.  
Living in New York.



March 1878

The Managers met on Tuesday March 26, at 10:30 A.M.

The First - Directors, Treasurer, Secretary,  
and Eleven Managers were present.

Told  
Told

That all bills be paid.  
That Mrs. Curtis and Mrs. Robbins be the Committee  
for the next month.

The Committee reported that - Jenny McGuire had  
gone to Mrs. Faunce, with whom the ladies had been  
much pleased, and had thus far done well; Jenny  
appeared delighted with her place.

The mother of Sarah Swords, now Mrs. Thayer,  
applied for her daughter. Her husband had work  
in an india rubber factory and she herself did  
dressmaking; she brought a good recommendation.  
Mr. Thayer was as desirous to take Sarah as she was  
herself. These circumstances having been heard it was  
Told that - Mrs. Thayer's request - be granted.

Mr. Stevens applied for his daughter - Ida. This  
arrangement had been talked of and approved  
in the autumn. It was therefore

Told

that - the application of Mr. Stevens be granted.

Mrs. Pine of Lynn wished to take Frances Daniels;  
but - the application was refused.

Mrs. Knight - had taken Letty Stanwood, but now  
wished to return her, alleging that she had no  
sense of responsibility. Mr. Bailey thought he should  
have no difficulty in getting a place for Letty; it  
was therefore decided that Mrs. Knight must keep her  
until another place could be found.

Two applications for the admission of children were  
received and were both - referred to the Committee  
for the next month. One was for a younger sister  
of Mary Ann Rounds, the other for a little girl of  
four years, the child of a widow in Malden, a  
Catholic by trade, but - without - work.

Min. Red McCarty, Susan Allen, Ellen Mary  
Giles, James Gagn, and Abby Wallen had all been ill  
during the month.



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The School had been found in very good order. Complaints were made of the untidiness of the Cook and of the very poor washing.

The Case of Ida Swift - was discussed, but - no decision was reached.

The work to be done on the grounds was left to the Committee for the next month.

Adjourned - Mary Anne Hales, Secy

April

The Managers held their monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 30 at 10.30 A. M.

The First Directress, Treasurer, Secretary and Eleven Managers were present.

Voted

That all bills be paid

Voted

That - Mrs. Clarke and Miss Ellis be the Committee for the next month.

Miss White being no longer able to receive the work done on the grounds, it was

Voted

That Mrs. Tracy be appointed in her place.

The sister of Mary Ann Rands had not come a place having been provided for her by Mr. Bell, neither had further application been made of the child from Malden. The Committee had

thought Mrs. Knight a suitable place for Betty Hammond, and she was at present in the Regent waiting for another place.

An application had been made by Mrs. Crosby for Ann Bell, this was refused, Ann being already in the service of the house.

It was proposed that Ida Swift be provided with a new and improved pulpit, the old one being entirely outgrown. As the cost of a new one would be considerable, and as many of the Managers doubted whether the

Voted

That Mrs. Swift be appointed a Committee of one to see Mr. Tabor, the head of the School of Music and Fiddle Bands, and learn whether she could be



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admitted to the School at least for a time.

Application for Mary Elizabeth Miller was made by Mrs. Anne Bates, an Englishman living in Hyde Park. As Mrs. Bates brought good recommendations and appeared very well, it was

Voted

That her request be granted.

Application was made for the admission of a little colored girl whose mother was unmarried; this application was refused.

A Scotchman named Cameron applied for the admission of his little girl. He had lost his wife and as he had very little work he could not give the child a comfortable home. His other children had been sent to friends in Canada. This matter was left for the Committee for the next month to investigate further.

James Black an Englishman had applied early in the month for the admission of his little girl; he was recommended as a worthy man, a paper-hanger by trade, but out of work and in debt. His wife had died in an insane asylum.

Voted

That the Committee for the next month are authorized to admit this child if the father apply again, and if his recommendations seem to them satisfactory.

Mrs. Paul Revere made application for the admission of a Swedish child from Quincy, two years old. The mother was a worthy hardworking woman, who had been deserted by her husband and was now sick in the Hospital.

Voted

That this child, Hilda Swenson, be received and placed at board with Mrs. Hutchings; also that Elsie Seach be taken into the asylum.

Annie McIntosh the laundress, had broken down and would be obliged to give up her work.

Voted

That a month's pay in advance be given to Annie McIntosh and that a new laundress be engaged.

On Sunday, April 14, a barrel set on fire by ladies Rollins had been found burning in the cellar. It



April 18<sup>th</sup> intention had been to set fire to the Asylum. The Committee had been perplexed as to the proper course to be taken with regard to the matter. The fire finally been placed at home at Mikhalom, with an excellent woman, of name Mrs. Lane, as sister of Mrs. Brown, Mission of the Children's Mission. In report of her this far was good. It was

Voted That - Little Rollins be boarded with Mrs. Lane for two months as an experiment, at the rate of \$3.00 a week, Mrs. Lane to report once a week to Mrs. Rollins concerning her.

Voted That - Mrs. Tracy and Mrs. Bullard be appointed a Committee to examine the Treasurer's books.

Voted That - the Treasurer, notify the Chairman of the Standing Committee of Hollis St. Church that on June 1<sup>st</sup> the Managers will be terminating the connection of the Asylum with the Society; also that the thanks of the Managers be expressed for the kindness and attention shown to the children while attending the Church & Sunday School.

Adjourned

Mary Anne Hales, Sec<sup>y</sup>.

May 18<sup>th</sup>/8 The monthly meeting of the Managers was held on Tuesday, May 28<sup>th</sup>.

The First Directress, Treasurer, Secretary, and Nine Managers were present.

Voted That all bills be paid.

Voted That Mrs. Bullard and Miss Paine be the Committee for the next month.

The Committee reported that there had been twenty cases of measles during the month, but that no nurse from outside had been needed. A new landlady, Elizabeth Quinn, had been engaged, who had thus far done well. Dr. Farbell had been willing to take the Asylum, and said that by the time of the July meeting they could tell whether the was a proper subject for the Sable Minded School. In account of the measles, however, it had thus far been impossible for the Asylum. An operation had now been performed on a child's eye.



May 18/8 Ada Black had been brought to the Asylum. Mr. Cameron had remarried and therefore did not need a home for his child.

Mrs. Miller wished to take her two children, Mary Elizabeth & Ellen. She brought good recommendations and seemed able to give them a comfortable home in Turner's Falls. It was therefore

Voted

That Mrs. Miller's request be granted. Three applications for the admission of children were made. Mrs. Ewer was a widow with a child of five years; she could not by her work earn enough to feed her child properly. Mrs. More was also a widow who found it impossible by <sup>her</sup> earnings to support herself and her little girl. It was

Voted

That the Committee for the next month are authorized to admit these two children as soon as they consider it safe or advisable.

The third application for the admission of Fanny Rounds was considered less pressing and was refused for want of room.

Good accounts were received of Addie Rollins.

Adjourned —  
Mary Anne Hales, Sec<sup>y</sup>

June 18/8

The Managers held their monthly meeting on Tuesday, June 25.

The First Directress, Secretary and Six Managers were present.

Voted

Voted

That all bills be paid.

That Mrs. Sears and ~~and~~ Miss Storel be the Committee for the next month.

The Committee reported that the new Directress after staying a week had been unexpected-ly married. Another woman named Telephone Key, who was highly recommended, had been engaged.

Elizabeth Ann Ewer and Ellen Maria More had been admitted. The mother of Hilda Svenson had not yet made up her mind to sign the books.



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Another application was made, but as little was known about the case and the house was very full it was voted to do nothing about this application.

Mrs. Combs had gone on her vacation.

Two applications to take girls were made. Mr. and Mrs. John H. Pickering would like Amelia Kugel; they were already known to the Managers, as Adeline Fisher had been in their family, and it was voted that <sup>their</sup> request be granted.

Mrs. Collins of Amesbury wrote recommending Mr. and Mrs. Sabers Collins, who wished a girl from the Asylum. It was

voted that Mr. and Mrs. Sabers Collins may take their choice of a girl.

Mary Barker had been invited to spend the summer with the family with whom she boarded last year. It was voted that this offer be accepted with thanks.

Mrs. McHorse would be willing <sup>to pay</sup> the board of her little girl at Mrs. Folsom's if the Managers were willing. The Managers approved of this arrangement.

The Committee mentioned that Maria Noyes and Mary Leslie were so delicate that a few weeks in the country would be a great benefit to them. The matter was left to the Committee with the understanding that the children should if possible wait till August.

Mr. Stevens had taken his daughter Ida. It was not thought that Ida might could go to S. Boston till September.

Voted that Mrs. Combs be requested to visit the children in the neighborhood of Portsmouth and also to see Mrs. Ann de Rochemont about Ida Kugel's money.

Voted that Adeline Collins's board with Mrs. Lane be paid through August.

Mrs. Lyman stated that Mrs. Shaw did



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re-consider the present - Kindred, Fulton teacher entirely  
satisfactory and wished that a new one might  
be tried. Voted that this offer be gratefully  
accepted.

Adjourned - Mary Anne Wales, Secy

July  
1878

The Managers held their monthly meeting  
on Tuesday July 30.

The First Directress, Treasurer, Secretary,  
and Six Managers were present.

Voted

That all bills be paid.

Voted

That Mrs. Bullard and Miss Paine be the  
Committee for the next month.

The Committee reported that Mrs. Combs  
had returned from her vacation; She had visited  
the girls whom she had been requested to visit  
and had found every thing satisfactory. Missed  
McCarty had also returned, but was not well.

The Cook wished to take a vacation and would  
like to take her little girl with her to the Provinces.  
It was decided to grant Mrs. McPherson's request,  
but it was also thought best to signify to her  
that her work was not satisfactory and that it  
must improve if she wished to ~~keep~~ keep her place.  
Mrs. Swenson had signed the books and her little  
girl had been admitted. Grace Rhodes had been  
very ill and had now gone to Miss Tolson in  
Wayland in the hope of saving her life.

Some of the children had not been behaving well,  
they had taken small sums of money and had  
run away, though thought they were paid out for  
an hour. Agnes Gagin was thought to have been the  
ring leader and it was

Voted

That the Committee be requested through Mr. Barry  
to obtain if possible a place for Agnes.

The Secretary was requested to write to Mrs. Cameron  
that she must take her daughter she being admitted



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troublesome at the Asylum.

Mrs. Ehler applied for her daughter Lydia; She seemed a good woman and able to care for her child.

It was

Voted

That Lydia Ann Ehler be given up to the care of her mother.

Mrs. Quin also applied for her daughter, but the recommendations were not thought sufficient to warrant an immediate decision.

The Treasurer reported the receipt of \$200.00, a legacy from Mrs. Abigail Reed.

Mrs. Luman stated that she had visited Miss Smith as Kinderfarten teacher and that her duties were to begin Sept. 9.

Adjourned - Mary Anne Wales, Secy

August  
1878

The Managers held their meeting on Tuesday, August 27.

The First-Directress, Treasurer, Secretary and Five Managers were present.

Voted

That all bills be paid.

Voted

That Miss Paine and Mrs. Sears be the Committee for the next month.

Mrs. Godwin read a note from Miss White resigning her place as Second Directress on account of the infirm state of her health. This resignation was accepted with much regret and the meeting was desired to make to Miss White some acknowledgment of her long and faithful services.

The Secretary was also requested to ask Mrs. Ware to take the place of Second Directress.

The Committee reported that Grace Rhodes was much better. It was

Voted

That twenty dollars be paid to Mrs. Folsom instead of the thirteen due her, at the recent bill of board, on account of the extra table and laundry which she had needed.

The Hospital and Nursery had



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been new papered and Mrs. Newman wished new papers for the dining-room also.

The Board of Health had visited the Asylum and found that the Cess-pool needed attention; all was now right.

The brother of Margaret Lambrecht applied to take his sister, but the account given of his wife made it impossible to grant the request.

There were now ninety-seven children in the Asylum. Miss Ewer was very desirous that Frances Whittington should be admitted. The child's father was dead and the mother sick.

Voted

That Frances Whittington be admitted.

Application was also made for the admission of Mabel Cooper, a baby 13 months old. The mother was consumptive and could probably go to St. Louis's Hospital, if the Society felt that she should be taken care of by the Asylum; the father was serving a term of two years and a half in the House of Correction.

Voted

That this child be admitted and placed at board, and that Edith Wells now three and a half years old be taken into the Asylum.

Mr. Teal applied for his two children whom he wished to place with two of his friends; his application was refused.

Voted

Mr. Quinn brought good references, and it was that Ruthanne Quinn be given into the care of her mother.

The older sister of Mary & Lucy Hawthorne applied to the Committee on behalf of their father, now living in Toronto. She represented that he had steady work and that she was going herself to keep house for him.

She hoped that the Asylum might be willing to pay part of the children's fares. Her request was referred to the Committee for the next month.

Adjourned -

Mary Anne Wales, Secy



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The Members of the Boston Female Asylum held their Annual Meeting on Tuesday Sept. 24.

The Services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Channing who opened the meeting with prayer. The prayer was followed by a song from the children, after which those whose names follow were baptized: Alice Loretta Whitman, Ellen Maria Moore, Lucy Flint-Teale, Sarah Maria Teale, Ada Washington Black, Mercina Frances Liltken. After the Baptism the children sang again, and the following report was then read by the Secretary.

The Managers of the Asylum are glad to welcome their friends and the children's friends to this seventy-eighth Anniversary of our old Institution. Besides a word of welcome there is almost nothing to say. There is the same story now quite an old one of a house full to overflowing, and of careful outlay that the yearly expenses shall not exceed the income. Three additions to the funds have been received by the Treasurer within the last twelve months: a legacy of \$1000. from the late Mr. Jas. McGregor, one of \$300. from Miss Eliza Powers, and one of \$200. from Mrs. Abigail Reed. Any remembrances which enlarge our means of doing good are now more than ever thankfully appreciated. The income from our property has of course shrunk like all other incomes; the cost of feeding and clothing nearly one hundred children is much greater than that of providing for the smaller number of seventy or eighty, which was several years ago our highest limit; again the boarding out of little children under three years old has added at least \$1300. or \$1400. to our expenditure. The shrinkage of the Asylum income shows itself in a small way in our "pocket-money," the interest given by the Mass. Hosp. Life Insurance Co. on the Appleton Fund having fallen from \$200 and \$250



Sept. 1878 Had it not been for the kindness of one of the ladies, we should have been obliged with some regret to reduce somewhat the prices. Should the reduction be necessary another year, perhaps it will matter less, because 'prize-firing', though it may be a desirable stimulus, can never be perfectly fair. Many children may have tried hard, and yet fail now to gain this outward ~~recognition~~ reward. But—this, after all, is not a real failure; the trying brings its own reward, far better than these tokens of approbation. Let those of the ninety-seven children who have done their best—and feel disappointed that they have not obtained this recognition of their effort, be sure that it is not lost; the good conscience will be its own reward.

Of these ninety-seven children, fourteen are new members of the family, new that is since the last anniversary meeting; five of the fourteen were already under the charge of the Managers, having been boarded with good, mostly women, till their age and a vacant place in the Asylum gave them a chance for admission. Besides these fourteen, four little girls under three years old have been received and put at board. The Managers are careful not to increase the number of these little boarders, for they feel that the outlay in this direction, though very useful and desirable, is quite as great as their present income warrants. The number now at board is nine, and no baby is taken unless an older one can come here, in place of some child who has gone away. The life of these older babies in the Asylum is now more full of pleasant occupation than used to be the case. The generous kindness of a lady much interested in Kinderfartens has paid the salary of a kind



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Seven teacher, and the little ones have profitted by the good training and instruction. Twelve of the youngest make up the Kindergarten department; and for those a little older the nursery school, which for several years has given the Managers satisfaction. Still does its good work. The teachers of the Infant School must find that these two seeders render their labors more profitable; we shall be disappointed if such early training of these little people does not tell sensibly upon their later school years.

In speaking of the School it may not be amiss to say that the education of the hand has not been neglected. The making of 1666 garments, including 168 gowns, besides the knitting of 160 pairs of stockings and a good amount of patching and darning does credit to the children's industry and skill.

In spite of the hard times good places have not failed to be found for girls who could be recommended. Some mothers and fathers also have been in sufficiently good circumstances to take their daughters home to live. Ten in all, including two young children who were adopted, have left their places to be filled by new comers. Therefore, although much discrimination has been needed in the admission of children, and several have been refused, the Managers believe that room has been found for all whose claim upon the Asylum was urgent.

One of the youngest children, always very delicate, died last autumn soon after the Anniversary. This has been the only death during the year, although there has been considerable sickness, and some of the cases of illness have been serious. One little child was saved only by immediate removal to the Country.

Through all the illness of the children the services of our <sup>new</sup> Matron have proved



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especially valuable, for long experience has made her familiar with all that is to be done in the Sick Room. Much regret was felt at the necessity of parting with our former Matron, who for many years had shown a mother's devotion to the children. That the work of her successor may also prove a blessing to our Institution will be we know the prayer of all who have the welfare of the Asylum at heart.

Mary Anne Wales, Secretary

After the report the Children sang and the prizes were then distributed as follows by the First Directress.

To	Emma Bartlett	as the Most-Deserving Girl	\$ 5.00
"	Selena E. Edwards	for Usefulness	\$ 3.00
"	Mary E. Leach	" Scholarship	\$ 3.00
"	Minnie B. Clark	" Good Behavior	\$ 3.00
"	Frances S. Stannell	" Diligence	\$ 3.00
"	Minnie C. Leman	" Improvement	\$ 3.00
"	Anna D. Leach	as the Best-Little Girl	\$ 5.00
"	Mary A. Neal	for Good Behavior	\$ 3.00
"	Mary J. Proctor	" Improvement	\$ 3.00
"	Lydia A. Ehler	" Improvement	\$ 3.00
"	Mary Ann Trout	" Improvement	\$ 3.00
"	Emma Krasinski	" Good Behavior	\$ 3.00
"	Alice T. Butler	" Diligence	\$ 3.00
"	Annie B. Little	" Usefulness	\$ 3.00

The distribution of the prizes was followed by the singing of a song written by Mr. Johnson expressly for the children. Mr. Crosby, Superintendent of the Children's Mission and Mr. Chaney spoke to the children, a choral was sung after which the benediction was pronounced and the subscribers were invited to meet in the Managers' Room.



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The following list of officers and Managers for the ensuing year was read and accepted.

First-Directress	—	Mrs. Ozias Godwin
Second Directress	—	Mrs. Theodore Lyman
Treasurer	—	Miss Sarah C. Paine
Secretary	—	Miss Mary Anne Hales

#### Managers

Mrs. Chas. E. Ware	Mrs. Chandler Robbins
Mrs. Fred. W. Tracy	Miss Harriet L. Brown
Mrs. Philip H. Sears	Miss Gertrude S. Ellis
Mrs. Otis Bullard	Mrs. Greely S. Curtis
Miss Marianne Paine	Mrs. Eliot C. Clarke.
Miss Abby M. Storey	

#### Managers' Meeting

The First-Directress, Treasurer, Secretary, and Ten Managers were present.

Voted  
Voted

That all bills be paid.

That Mrs. Clarke and Miss Brown be the Committee for the next month.

The Committee reported that two more rooms had been papered and that the dining room had been blue-washed. The laundry ceiling was in a dangerous condition and sheathing was recommended. The cost of sheathing might be \$75.00 and a doubt was expressed whether it would be safe. The Committee for the month were requested to consult the Fire Commissioners and the Insurance Co. on this point and the matter was left to them with full powers.

The new laundress was doing very well. The cook had returned from her vacation and had improved somewhat in point of neatness.

Mrs. Robbins had kindly given a vacation to each of the children in Mayland.

Application was made by Miss



Sept. 1878 - Edes for the admission of a little Spanish girl, named Josefine Cifre. The father was an honest-man, had lost his wife and could not support his family.

Voted That this little girl be admitted.

Application was made by Mrs. Reyes and Mrs. Morill, Sisters of Martha & Abby Warren, to take these two girls. They brought notes vouching for their good character and that of their husbands, and they seemed in comfortable circumstances; they wished each to take one of their orphaned Sisters.

Voted That their request be granted.

Mrs. Alton F. Haskell of Rappahannock Va. wished to take Mary Ann Trent. The place seemed to the Committee an excellent one. and as it was very desirable that the girl should have a place at a distance on account of her mother, it was

Voted That Mary Ann Trent be bound to Mr. & Mrs. Haskell.

Another application for a girl was received from Mrs. McGuire of Roxbury, but there seemed to be very few old girls who could be spared. The names of several girls whom it was thought desirable to send away were however given to the Committee and the matter was left to their decision.

A good character of Mr. Hawthorne had been received and it was

Voted That Mary and Lucy Hawthorne be sent to their father in Toronto, the Asylum paying all the expense which could not be met by a free pass.

The Committee for the next month were requested to see what arrangement could be made for Addie Rollins, as it did not seem right to continue to pay her board.

Miss Fitch sent in a letter of resignation, not feeling strong enough to continue the work as kindergarten teacher.



Sept: 1878 *Resolved* - That a note of thanks be sent - to Dr. Evans expressing the Managers' grateful appreciation of his untiring labors during all the sittings at the Asylum the past year.

*Resolved* That Miss Georgina L. Putnam be invited to fill the vacant place at the Board.

Adjourned - Mary Anne Wales Sec<sup>y</sup>

Oct: 1878 The Managers held their monthly meeting on Tuesday Oct: 27<sup>th</sup>.

The First-Visitors, Messrs. S. S. S. and Mrs. S. S. S. were present.

*Resolved* - That all bills be paid.  
That from these and other bills be the Committee for the year around.

Application was made for the admission of a little girl eight years old named Elizabeth. She had been refused last winter because the Asylum was now "closed" and the mother was then a resident of Lynn. She was now at Scituate, but could not have the child with her and could not earn enough to pay her board. Two of her children she had given away for adoption and a little boy was wounded for in the Church Lane Asylum. As she was recommended by Miss S. S. S. and Mrs. S. S. S. it was left to the Committee for the year around to admit the child if they should think best.

The Committee reported that application had been made for Bessie Brown by Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Walker. Mr. Walker was a Methodist Minister in Keene; the recommendations were good and it was

*Resolved* That Bessie Brown be sent to Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Walker.

Mr. Turnbull, a Carpenter who had worked in the Asylum, was very desirous to take Sophie Barker.



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and Mrs. Garrison thought it would be a very good place for her. The decision was left for the Committee of next month.

Mr. and Mrs. McKee had then for a while they liked her so much that they recommended their friends Mr. and Mrs. McKee to come for a while. They had done so and would be like Mrs. McKee to whom they were the more attracted in thinking that her mother had once lived with them. Their former relations were good and it was voted that Mrs. McKee be bound to Mr. and Mrs. McKee.

Mr. and Mrs. Appleton of Revere had then Lady Hamilton and had not yet returned in although it was doubtful whether they would like her well enough to keep her. It was

then proposed to Mr. and Mrs. Appleton to keep her for a while and then, as the time came, to put her in the charge of the State.

The mother of Mary and Sarah Gilchrist was married, wished to take her children. It was thought that the matter needed further investigation and it was left to the Committee of next month. Mr. Sherman had applied for his daughter Charlotte, he was employed in a paper manufactory in Lowell and received good wages. It had seemed to the Committee very desirable that he should take his daughter and she had accordingly gone back with him to Lowell.

Mrs. Waller wished to adopt Maria Schuber, the little child who had been washed up by her. Mrs. Waller was highly recommended by Miss Anne M. Church and it was

then proposed that the request be granted.

No place could be found for Adeline Rollins and the Committee advised putting her in charge of the State. This was also approved by the Board.



Oct. 1878 The Association had gone to their factory the Mission to the  
District and District Committee to be made according to  
votes passed at previous meetings.

Mrs. Eastman, who had adopted Esther Higgins,  
was now dissatisfied with her.

Mrs. Rogers with whom Ellen Copeland was living  
wished to know where she should be located & pay her  
\$50.00 when she should be settled for the 1st year.

That would be the Association the payment should  
not be required.

The Committee expressed themselves very well  
pleased with Miss May, the new Kindergarten teacher.

In regard of the other Kindergarten teacher it was  
thought that the Kindergarten be closed in October.

The checking of funds had been pronounced safe by the  
proper authorities, and the work was now done.

The Committee had been much pleased with the  
condition of the school; they also thought the  
laundry work on the whole satisfactory.

Miss Putnam having declined the invitation to  
become a Manager it was

to ask Miss Annie Phillips to take the vacant  
place at the Board.

The Treasurer's Annual Report was then read

### Treasurer's Report - October 26, 1878.

Cash on hand October 2, 1877

4424.83-

#### Received Income

Interest on Bank of America Co.

2000.-

Apprentice Fund

30.-

Dividends on Bank Stock

2873.-

Interest on Bank Notes deposited by the State

84.10

Dividends on R.R. Road Stock

1646.62

Dividends on Railroad Bonds

3140.-

Dividends Lawrence Gas Co.

1700.-



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Interest U.S. Bonds and Premium on Gold	304.68
Interest on Deposits in Savings Banks	32.20
Extra dividend Suffolk Savings Bank	18.53
Interest on Mortgage from Rine Estate	275.12
Dividends & Sale of Right Cochen. Co.	69.37
Subscriptions	161.00
Dividend on Matured Policy in Mass. Mutual Ins. Co.	30.00
Total Income	14,122.62

Received Principal	
Legacy of Jas. McGee	1000.00
" " Mrs. Elizabeth P. Paine	3000.00
" " Mrs. Charles Reed	200.00
Part payment of Mortgage on Rine Estate	600.00
	<u>6,100.00</u>
	25,347.47

### Expenses chargeable to Income

Provisions	4883.14
Salaries & Wages	3676.95
Orders to Matron for use of the Asylum	73.00
Clothing	1242.35
Furniture	403.96
Repairs	374.92
Incidental Expenses	763.08
Fuel	72.51
Board of Children	1516.79
Rent of pews in Abbe's St. Church	73.00
Insurance	75.00
Prizes	58.00
	<u>13,868.70</u>

Payments on account of Principal	
Paid for Bond filed by R.R. 6 of Bonds	300.00
Interest on above	47.33
Left on deposit in Suffolk Savings Bank	25.41
	<u>9158.74</u>
Left deposited in the Boston National Bank	2320.00
	<u>25,347.47</u>



Stock Account -

Errors Excepted

Sarah C. Paine

Treasurer, Boston Female Asylum

Good

Let Mrs. Ballou & Mrs. Tracy be appointed  
Committee to examine the Treasurer's books.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Mary Anne Hales, Secy



Nov. 18, 78

The Managers held their monthly meeting on Tuesday Nov. 26. The First-Directress, Treasurer, Secretary, and Eleven Managers were present.

Voted

That all bills be paid

Voted

That Mrs. Clarke and Miss Phillips be the Committee for the next month.

The Committee reported that Sophia Barker had gone to Mr. & Mrs. Turnbull. Ida Cameron had also gone & her mother Mrs. Cameron's references having been good. Letty Stanwood had been returned, but Mr. Tufts had secured her an excellent place in Grantville with Mrs. Sawyer, who had already taken twenty girls and had had no trouble with them. A place for Lizzie Rollins had not yet been found, but Mr. Tufts felt sure of procuring one in time. Meantime he would find a boarding place for her, as she could no longer remain with Mrs. Lane.

The Kinderfaster School had been visited often by the Committee and was thought satisfactory. Miss Macy would like very much a Christmas Tree for her children, and it was thought desirable to provide one for all the children too young to go to Sunday School.

Voted

That the Committee for the month make the necessary arrangements with the teachers of the younger children. There being now only forty eight children in the School room it was

Voted

That Miss Strain's oldest class be transferred to the care of the other teachers.

Application for the admission of a little girl was made by Mrs. Anderson. She was a widow and not strong enough to do hard work. She had been in Dr. Baker's Hospital for a year and a half; her little boy was at the Farm School. The impression made upon the Committee by

Mrs. Anderson was very favorable. It was

Voted

That Mary Josephine Anderson be admitted.



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The laundress had left to be married. A new one named Margaret Colby had been engaged to take her place. She was a widow from Prince Edward's Island and brought very good recommendations.

Matty Palmer and Mercena Litchen had been sick and bad colds had been prevalent throughout the house.

A present of several barrels of apples had been sent by Mrs. Hemenway, who also sent an invitation to those children who were at the Old South last year to come again this winter for some lectures and other entertainment.

Voted That this proposal be accepted.

Bessy Brown would not be wanted at her place till Spring.

Miss Howland requested that, as no Thanksgiving vacation was given at the Asylum, she & Miss Hafford might take the one Tuesday and the other Friday afternoon.

Voted That her request be granted.

Dr. Homan recommended Iron Shoes for Emma Norton & it was

Voted That they be provided.

A letter from Dr. Tarbell concerning Ida Swift was read. His decision was that she was not feeble-minded, and that by some mechanical contrivance she could be helped to talk so that she could be understood.

A friend of Dr. Tarbell, a skillful dentist, was interested in the case and would take great pains with it.

Dr. Tarbell thought that the outlay of \$25. now and as much more a few years later would be all that would be needed.

Voted That this offer be accepted with thanks, also that \$30. be paid to the School for Feeble Minded Children as Ida's board during her stay there.

The Treasurer wished instructions with regard to the money invested in the Lawrence Gas Co., as owing to the possible introduction of electric light some doubt was now felt as to the safety of gas.



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Stock. After some talk it was  
Voted That the Treasurer is authorized to sell a part  
or the whole of the Stock, as she may think best.  
Adjourned. Mary Anne Wales, Secy

December  
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The Managers held their monthly meeting on  
Tuesday, Dec. 31.

The First and Second Directresses, Treasurer,  
Secretary and Eleven Managers were present.

Voted That all bills be paid

Voted That Mrs. Tracy and Mrs. Sears be the Com-  
mittee for the next month.

The Committee reported that Mrs. Barron had  
again applied for her children, Lucy, Gerry and Eliza  
Smith. Mr. Barron's wages seemed to be higher than  
they were when the former application was made,  
and it was

Voted That the Committee for the next month are author-  
ized to grant Mrs. Barron's request, provided they  
find sufficient accommodations arranged for the  
children.

Mr. Stockbridge made application for his daughter Bertha.  
As he seemed able to support his child and give her  
a comfortable home, it was

Voted That his request be granted.

A proposal to adopt Edith Wells had been received, it  
was decided to let it lie over until further inform-  
ation respecting Edith's mother could be obtained.

Application for the admission of a little girl without  
father or mother & now in a Roman Catholic Home had  
been made by Mr. Schulte, the upholsterer & long  
employed by the Asylum. This case was left for the  
Committee for the next month to decide.

Another application came from a woman who was earning  
three dollars a week at a place where she could have  
her child with her; she paid two dollars for the  
child's board and would like to throw up her present



Dec. 1878 employment for some other. This application was refused.

Ida Brenton had been admitted during the month and was now ill with typhoid fever as was also Maud McPherson. It had been necessary to engage a nurse. Mercena Litten and Matty Palmer were both better. Annie Bell was very ill, and was pronounced by the Dr. to be in Consumption. A boarding place in Palmer had been obtained for Lizzie Rollins. Ida Swift had returned to the Asylum. Iron shoes had been made for Emma Norton and irons had been provided for one of the Clarke twins.

The new laundress thus far did well. Mrs. Newman thought the work in the laundry too hard for the children, now that so few older girls were left.

Voted That the Committee for the next month consult with Mrs. Newman and hire assistance for the work as she shall recommend. Also

Voted That the choreman be in future required to bring up all the coal needed for the various parts of the house.

The little children had had their Christmas Tree to which various donations from outside persons had been made. The children invited by Mrs. Hemmaway had been several times to the Old South.

In Connection with the typhoid-fever cases it was recommended by the Committee that an examination of the water closet be made. After some talk, it was

Voted That the Committee for the next month confer with Dr. Hemans and with the plumber on this subject and that they are authorized to make any alterations needed to protect the health of the children.

The Treasurer reported that she had found it impossible to sell the Lawrence Gas. Stock except at such a loss as made it more desirable to retain the shares for the present. She also reported that the Asylum had a right to 12 shares of the new Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Stock at par.

Voted That these shares be taken.

Mrs. Tracy reported that the Treasurer's books had been examined and found correct.

Adjourned. Mary Anne Miles, Secy



List of Girls who had Completed their apprenticeship  
December 1878

Nelly Powers - Has a good home with Mr. and Mrs.  
Potwyrn who adopted her.

Elizabeth Dowell - Is still with Mrs. de Rochemont;  
good girl. Probably married and living  
in New Hampshire

Anna S. Warren. Stayed till she was eighteen years old  
with Miss Hooker; is now with her  
sister, Mrs. Jones.

Labella Warren. With her sister, Mrs. Jones.

Lola Frances Williams

Mary Lillian Cloutman

Caroline Hoyt -



January  
1879

The Managers of the Asylum held their monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 28. The First and Second Secretaries, Treasurer, Secretary and ten Managers were present:

Voted That all bills be paid.

Voted That Mrs. Ware and Mrs. Curtis be the Committee for the next month.

The Committee reported that Dr. Romans, the health Committee and the plumber had all been consulted on the subject of the drainage. Dr. Romans did not consider the typhoid fever cases connected with any trouble of this kind, but thorough investigations had been made and much was found in various directions which made renovations and improvements very desirable. The necessary work was under way but not completed.

The Committee had visited Mrs. Barron and found her rooms clean, and the accommodations sufficient for the children. They must however remain in the Asylum for the present, as their mother had been taken ill with lung fever and obliged to go to the Hospital.

Mr. Schultz's application had been withdrawn and Mr. Stockbridge had not yet sent for his daughter.

Mrs. Lindsey had been engaged to do as much extra washing as might be needed at the rate of \$4.00 a day; she had however been sick and her place had been supplied by Alice Owen.

Almina Bowdoin was now troubled with a bad Scrofulous humor; if the Managers thought best she could be admitted at the Children's Hospital. The Managers thought that this would be a most-desirable arrangement.

Mrs. Swenson applied for the admission of her younger child; but as she was at a place earning \$2.50 a week, and as the child's board cost her only about one half of this sum, it was not considered best to grant her request.

Inquiries had been made concerning the mother of Edith Wells. The woman could not be found, but there was thought to be sufficient evidence that she had no desire to claim her child. It was therefore

Voted That there is no objection to the adoption of Edith Wells



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by any person who shall bring satisfactory references.

Some difficulty - having arisen between the Matron and ~~me~~ at least - of the older girls, it was

Voted

That Mrs. Ware shall endeavor to bring about a better understanding between them.

Adjourned - Mary Anne Wales, Secy

February 1879

The Managers held their monthly meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 25.

The First-Directress, Treasurer, Secretary and ten Managers were present.

Miss Brown had taken Mrs. Ware's place as Manager for the last month.

Voted

That all bills be paid

Voted

That - Mrs. Ware and Mrs. Tracy be the Committee for the next month.

The Committee reported that Lucy Teel had died during the month of Bright's disease. Ada Black had been very ill, but was now better; others of the Children had also been sick and Mrs. Newman herself had been laid up with a bad cold.

Mr. Teel made application for his daughter Sarah, who could have a home with her grandfather, Mr. Chas. West, of Charleston. Although Mr. Teel's character was so unsatisfactory Mr. West's recommendations were excellent - and it was, therefore,

Voted

That Sarah Maria Teel be bound to her grandfather. Letters had been received concerning Mr. & Mrs. Stafford, the mother and step-father of the Gilcrease Children. The account of the man was not very good and little was said of the woman; it appeared, moreover, that Mrs. Stafford as well as her husband worked all day in the Mill. After much discussion it was finally

Voted

That a letter be written to Mrs. Stafford asking how she proposed to take care of her children while working all day in the Mill and also asking her to send references as to her own character.



Feb. 1879 Mrs. Sturt - the mother of the two Loring, applied for her children. Mr. Sturt - was a cooper and they lived in the St. Mrs. Sturt - appeared very well and they brought good recommendations. It was, therefore,

Voted That - Elizabeth Jane and Annie Gertrude Loring be given into the charge of their mother and stepfather.

Mrs. Fortune was now living again with her husband and wished to take her daughter Laura. As Mrs. Fortune was known to be a good woman, it was

Voted To grant her request.

Application was made for the admission of a child named Mary Curtis, whose father was dead and whose mother was intemperate. The child had been boarded with a Mrs. West, who could no longer afford to keep her, as the mother neglected to pay her board; it seemed very important to find a home for the child.

Voted That Mary Curtis be admitted.

The father of Label McPherson had died, and her aunt - Mrs. Kendall now applied to take her. Mrs. Kendall appeared to be a very respectable woman in comfortable circumstances.

Voted That - her request be granted provided the Committee for the next month find the references satisfactory.

Almina Bowdoin was at the Children's Hospital; she was very happy and had much improved.

Lida Swift - had not been able to go to the dentist - at the time she was summoned, on account of the sickness in the house.

Many of the children had gone to the Old South on Feb. 22, and Miss Macy had made a pleasant time in the house for those who stayed at home.

Adjourned - Mary Anne Hales



March  
1879

The Managers held their monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 25. The First and Second Directresses, Treasurer, Secretary and Eleven Managers were present.

Voted

That all bills be paid

Voted

That Mrs. Robbins and Mrs. Lyman be the Committee for the next month.

Mrs. Lyman offered to visit Sarah Maria Teal, Miss Brown made the same offer in regard to the Lorings and Miss Marianne Rinegar-Laura Fortune. The Committee reported that Isabelle McPherson had gone to her aunt, of whom good references had been obtained. Application was made for the admission of Mary Elizabeth Hope. Mrs. Hope had left her husband, who was a brutal man; he had since disappeared. It was not thought that he would interfere about his child, as he had never shown any affection for her. The application was made through Mr. and Mrs. Emery who had employed the man and nearly supported the family.

Voted

That Mary Elizabeth Hope be admitted.

Mrs. Stafford sent a letter saying that she did not now work in the mill; she also sent a note of reference from a friend and came to Boston to see Mrs. Ware, who was pleased with her appearance. It was accordingly

Voted

That Mary Ann and Sarah Elizabeth Gilcrease be given in charge to Mr. & Mrs. Stafford, their mother and step-father.

It was thought desirable that Mrs. Newman should by and by visit Mr. & Mrs. Stafford, that she might form some judgment of the children's home.

Mr. Grant an Englishman had applied for the admission of his little girl, his wife had died, leaving him with two children, a boy and a girl; he seemed in poor health and found it hard to get work. The matter was left to the Committee for the next month with authority to admit the child, if the father should



March  
1879

Bring Satisfactory references.

Application was made by Miss Revere for the admission of a child under three years, named Bell Isabel. Soon after marriage the father deserted his wife, who was now insane. It was

Voted

That this child be admitted and placed at-board with Mrs. Folsom in Wayland. Also

Voted

That Grace Rhodes, Annie Hansen and Minnie Hudson be brought into the Asylum.

Mrs. Ware thought it necessary to secure more help from outside at the Asylum, now that there were so few older girls to do the work. A steady, Capable girl of sixteen was spoken of, who it was thought would be glad to come for two dollars a week, doing some every night. The Managers thought such an arrangement would be satisfactory.

Miss Macy requested permission to take her children out every day.

Voted

That her request be granted and that the proper garments be provided. Also, that Mrs. Goddard and Mrs. Ware be a Committee to make the necessary arrangements with Mrs. Newman and Miss Macy.

It had been necessary to keep the hired nurse for eleven weeks, but the children were now much better and she had been dismissed.

Mrs. Eastman who had adopted Esther Whiffin had been to see Mrs. Goddard to make complaints of the child and with an evident desire to be rid of her. Mrs. Goddard was so unfavorably impressed by Mrs. Eastman herself & by the account she gave of her dealings with the child that it was

Voted

To send a note to Mrs. Eastman desiring her to return the child, now known as Helen Eastman, immediately to the Asylum.

A letter was read from Mr. Kendrick concerning Susan Amelia Burpee, now just eighteen years old. It was evidently inconvenient for him to bring her to Boston in accordance with the terms of the indenture.











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Voted

That - Mr. Kendrick be excused from this obligation, but - that he shall send to the Treasurer the Fifty-Dollars, now due to Susan.

A plan for a Kitchen-Kindergarten for teaching housework to young children was mentioned. Mrs. Hemenway, who was much interested in establishing a school of this sort, wished that a certain number of children should be sent from the Asylum to be instructed.

Voted

That Mrs. Goodwin & Mrs. Hale be a Committee to confer with Mrs. Hemenway in regard to this matter, with full power to act as they deem advisable.

Also that Mrs. Goodwin speak to Mrs. Hemenway about Mr. Benson, who had been sent by her to practice singing with the children, as it was feared the instructions he was now giving might interfere with that of Mr. Johnson.

Adjourned - Mary Anne Wales, Sec<sup>y</sup>

April, 1879

The Managers held their monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 29.

The First-Directress, Second Directress, Treasurer, Secretary, and ten Managers were present.

Voted

That all bills be paid.

Voted

That Miss Storer and Miss Phillips be the Committee for the next month.

The Committee reported that the girl spoken of at the last meeting had been engaged and thus far she had given satisfaction to Mrs. Newman. It had been thought better for her to live in the house. The three little children at board had all been brought into the Asylum. Mary Elizabeth Hope had also come.

A few days after the last meeting an anonymous note had come concerning Mrs. Stafford, stating that she drank and was unfit to have charge of her children. The children had already gone when the letter came. Mrs.



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Newman had gone to Dodgeville to make inquiries. She found that the woman had been dismissed from the Mill for drinking, but she was thought now to be doing better, and her house looked neat. Mrs. Lyman had visited Sarah Maria Teal and had ~~found~~<sup>seen</sup> nothing to find fault with.

Emma Anderson's eyes were in very bad condition and she was under treatment for them. Board for the whole or part of the summer in the country was recommended for Ada Black, Ida Brenton & Edith Wells, who had all been very delicate. Edith Wells was however now so dangerously ill with lung fever that she might not recover.

The Committee for the next month were requested to make inquiries about boarding places and report at the next meeting.

Application was made by Dr. Cutler for the admission of a child nearly ten years old, whose mother had for some years been living a bad life. It was at first—

That this child, Ida Mary Hackett, be admitted. The vote was however, afterwards amended by adding the condition that the mother should not communicate with the child during her stay in the asylum. To this condition the mother was unwilling to accede and the application was therefore reluctantly refused.

Mrs. Myers made application for the admission of the child of a poor Swedish woman, who had had a very hard time. The woman had however now gone to a place where she would earn \$2.50 a week, and it was thought that out of her wages she might pay \$1.50 for the child's board at the Children's Friend Society. It was  
Voted To make this suggestion to the woman but also to authorize the Committee for the month to admit the child provided the application at the Children's Friend should prove unsuccessful.

A letter had been received from Mrs. Eastman saying that she wished to keep the little girl whom she had adopted.

Mr. & Mrs. Walker would not be able to take Bessy Brown, as they had expected to do.



April 1879

The want of harmony between Mrs. Newman and the older girls still continued. The especial trouble now was that no one was ready to go to Church with the children in the afternoon. It was therefore

Voted

That it shall be the duty of Lydia Hapgood and Lissy Strain in turn to go with the children on Sunday afternoons.

There also seemed difficulty in finding any one to take the children to the City Hospital, when they went for treatment. It was accordingly

Voted

That Lissy Strain relieve Abby Wilson of some of the mending in order to give Abby leisure to go to the Hospital.

Also, that Mrs. Gordon make the necessary arrangements in regard to this matter.

Winifred McCarty having requested leave of absence for three months on account of her health, it was

Voted

That her request be granted.

Also that a Substitute be hired to take Winifred's place during this time at the same wages.

Mrs. Bliss had spoken to two of the Managers about visiting her little girl in the Asylum. Being a nurse it was often impossible for her to come on Friends' Day and she had lately been denied admittance at other times.

Voted

That permission be granted Mrs. Bliss to visit her child once a month, with the understanding that if possible she should make her visit on Friends' Day.

Mrs. Tracy asked for instructions from the Managers concerning the pay of the gardener and certain new arrangements in the grounds. It was

Voted

To leave these matters to Mrs. Tracy with full powers.

A note was read from Mr. Fitch saying that Mr. Carpenter, the Minister of Hollis St. Church wished an interview with the Managers of the Asylum to consider certain matters concerning the religious instruction



April 1879 of the children. It was

Voted That a Committee of three be appointed to meet Mr. Carpenter; that this Committee shall consist of the First Directress and the Committee of the Month and that they shall offer to meet Mr. Carpenter at the Asylum on Saturday, May 10, at 11 A. M.

Voted That Mrs. Ballard and Mrs. Tracy are appointed a Committee to examine the Treasurer's books

Mrs. Goodwin and Mrs. Ware had seen Mrs. Hemmaway with regard to the Kitchen Kindergarten but had declined the proposed plan for the children of the Asylum.

Adjourned -

Mary Anne Hales, Sec<sup>y</sup>

May 1879 The Managers held their monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 27.

The First & Second Directresses, Treasurer, Secretary and Eleven Managers were present.

Voted That all bills be paid

Voted That Mrs. Ballard and Miss Ellis be the Committee for the next month.

A note was read from one of the Editors of the Transcript asking permission to put into that paper an article containing some account of the Asylum.

Voted That this request be refused.

Mr. Carpenter had seen the Committee of the Month but wished to see the Board together in regard to the religious instruction of the children. He accordingly came and <sup>sports</sup> to the Managers about taking the children himself on Sunday afternoons with the assistance of a few ladies. He desired a more intimate pastoral relation with the children both on Sundays and other days. The Managers thanked Mr. Carpenter for his kindness and were pleased with his plan. The time for beginning it was left for further consideration.



May 18/79

The month had been a sad one for the Committee. Mrs. Gornbs had died of lung fever after a short illness, & Annie Bell's suffering had ended one or two days before the meeting.

It was not thought best that the three children spoken of at the last meeting should go out of town, but it <sup>was considered</sup> desirable that Emma Anderson should be in the country, if she could be brought into town once a week for treatment of her eyes. At Mrs. Robbins's request it was

Voted

To board Annie Hanson in the country until the middle of September.

Mrs. Bartlett had asked permission to take Emma Bartlett with her to Laconia during her vacation & it was

Voted

That her request be granted.

Mary Barker had been invited by the same family whom she visited last summer and would go to Laconia with Winifred McCarty.

Mrs. Johnson, the mother of the Swedish child, was ill & unable to work. The little girl had therefore been brought again to the asylum.

~~Three~~ <sup>Two</sup> applications for the admission of children had been received. Ruth Agnes Greaves was the child of a worthy man, a painter, whose wife was insane and who did not earn enough to pay his children's board. The other little girl, Dolencia McCauley was under two years old and very delicate; Dr. Almans however thought that with good care she would improve; her father was a worthless man and her mother was insane. She as well as her sisters had been cared for by her mother's sister, a dressmaker, whose work at her trade interfered with the care needful for this delicate child. It was

Voted

That Ruth Agnes Greaves be received into the asylum and that Dolencia McCauley be admitted, and



May 18/79 placed at board with Mrs. Folsom.

A Substitute in Winifred McCarty's place had been heard of, who seemed to promise well. Her name was Susan P. Blake. She was a pupil at the Norton Seminary and needed to earn money in her vacation. It was

Resolved That Miss Blake be engaged to come June 15, with the understanding that her Compensation shall be at least three Dollars a week and more if more work than Winifred's should be required of her.

Miss Macy wished to take her children out of town for one day and also proposed to invite them with Lissy Strain's class to her house in Boston some day.

Resolved That both Miss Macy's proposals are gratefully accepted.

Miss Howland had taken twelve of the girls to the Public Garden and to the Natural History Rooms.

The Laundress had been called home by sickness in her family and Mrs. Lindsay who had been working at the Asylum by the day had also given up her work.

An application to take a baby a few weeks old was received and refused.

Hilde Swenson did not seem entirely well or happy with Mrs. Hutchins and had therefore by Dr. Roman's advice been removed to Mrs. Folsom's, with whom she had improved. Miss Ellis who reported this also stated that Mrs. McKee was very doubtful about keeping Agnes Giffin. Mrs. McKee, who had made a favorable impression on Miss Ellis was interested in the girl, but feared to keep her on account of her own boys.

Mrs. Hapford had been engaged to come on trial for a month with a view to her taking Mrs. Coombs's place. Mrs. Hapford had been well known to Mrs. Coombs, by whom she had been recommended.

The want of harmony between the Matron and the other members of the household.



May 1879 had so much increased and her fitness in other respects for her position seemed so doubtful that the Managers decided after giving the matter due consideration that a change was necessary. It was accordingly

Voted That Mrs. Newman's salary be paid to her up to August 1<sup>st</sup> but that after July 1<sup>st</sup> her services at the Asylum be dispensed with.

That this decision be signified to her in writing by the Secretary.

Voted That the choice of a new Matron be left to the First & Second Directresses together with the Committee of the month with full powers.

Adjourned.

Mary Anne Hales, Sec<sup>y</sup>

June 1879 The Managers held their monthly meeting on Tuesday June 24.

The First & Second Directresses, Treasurer, Secretary and ten Managers were present.

Voted That all bills be paid

Voted That Mrs. Lyman & Miss Marianne Paine be the Committee for the next month.

The Committee reported that Lizzie Strain was at her sister's and was much better. Georgi Conn had been brought back to the Asylum when she was eighteen years old & Mrs. Newman had found her a place with her sister.

Application was made for Mary Elizabeth Hope by her aunt who was both able and willing to support her. Good recommendations were received of this aunt, who worked in a straw factory & would board Mary Elizabeth with an aunt in Providence.

Voted That Mary Elizabeth Hope be given into the care of her aunt.



June 18<sup>th</sup> 9 Mary Barker had not been able to go to Laconia, because Scarlet fever was prevailing there.

The grandmother of Merlena Aitken wished to take her grandchild for a visit of several weeks, but it was not thought best to grant her request.

Voted That Mary Jane Proctor be bound to the house in case there be no objection on her mother's part or her own to such an arrangement.

John Lambrecht applied for the admission of his two little girls. His wife was dead and he himself was unable to find work which would support his children. He brought no recommendations but the case seemed so hard a one that it was

Voted That Anna & Fanny Lambrecht be admitted. Mrs. Adams applied for the admission of her daughter Helen Ada. Mrs. Adams was recommended as a worthy woman, but not very strong or capable and not employed with sufficient steadiness to enable her to support her child.

Voted That Helen Ada Adams be admitted.

Mrs. Sampson applied for the admission of her little girl, but the case seemed so doubtful that it was left to the Committee for the month to investigate and report.

Miss Revere and Miss Clapp wished the Asylum to take charge of Edith Bradley who would be two years old in July and must then pass from the care of the Infant Asylum.

Voted That this child can be taken in September and boarded with Mrs. Fry, but that she cannot be taken earlier than this time.

Mrs. Wagoner wished her little girl admitted, but the case seemed so much less urgent than many others that the application was <sup>passed</sup> ~~referred~~.

Voted That Miss Blake's salary be fixed at \$4.00 a week.

Miss Macy preferred a request to board in the Asylum for awhile, but it was not



June-1879- thought advisable to grant his request.

The Treasurer reported \$4000.00 to invest & it was  
Voted That the investment of this money be left to  
the judgement of Mr. Paine.

The Committee appointed to select a  
new Matron reported that they had talked  
with several candidates for the position, but  
only two of these were thought by them  
suitable for the place. The Board, after hearing  
all that was known of these two candidates,  
finally decided in favor of Miss Palmer,  
who came highly recommended, although  
there was a doubt whether her experience in  
the care of children would prove sufficient.

It was  
Voted That Miss Palmer be engaged to fill the  
place of Matron for three months on trial.

Adjourned -

Mary Anne Hales, Secy

July  
1879 The Managers held their monthly meeting  
on Tuesday, July 29.

The First and Second Dirce.  
resses, Treasurer, Secretary and Seven Managers  
were present.

Voted That all bills be paid

Voted That Miss Storer and Miss Marianne Paine  
be the Committee for the next month.

The Lambrechts and Ada Adams had come;  
Mrs. Sampson's application had been refused.  
A new laundress, named Lizzy Smith had been  
engaged and was much liked.

There had been several applications for  
the admission of children. Mrs. Briggs, whose  
worthless husband had long ceased to do anything  
for her, wished to have her two little girls taken in.  
She was not a very capable <sup>woman</sup> and seemed very poor



July  
1879  
Voted That Margaret and Emma Briggs be admitted  
Adeline Packard Gibson was presented for admission  
She was one of eight children who had been left-  
without father or mother. A grandmother and aunt  
would care for some of them but could not very  
well provide for all.

Voted That this child also be admitted.  
Mrs. Robbins wished that Annie Hanson's older  
sister should be admitted. Mrs. Hanson had  
disappeared and there was no one to pay the  
child's board.

Voted That Annie Hanson's sister be admitted  
Mr. Whipple from East Douglas made application  
for Lily Rowen. He brought very good recom-  
mendations and it was

Voted That Lily Rowen be bound to Mr. & Mrs.  
Whipple.

It was now necessary for Almira Bowdoin  
to go again to the Children's Hospital, where she had  
already been kindly <sup>treated</sup> for a long time  
in the winter and spring.

Voted That a present of Fifty Dollars be sent to the  
Children's Hospital in consideration of the care  
already bestowed upon Almira Bowdoin.

Mrs. McPherson applied for a vacation but it was  
Voted That her request be ~~presented~~ refused.

It was thought very desirable to have a special  
Committee on repairs & it was

Voted That Miss Marianne Paine be this Committee.  
The children had enjoyed many entertainments  
during the month, among others an excursion to  
Gloucester at the invitation of Mr. L. B. Kendal.

Voted That a note of thanks for his kindness be sent by  
the Secretary to Mr. Kendal.

Voted That the use of double beds for the children be  
abandoned and that single beds be provided in



July 1879 their place.

Mr. Carpenter's invitation made in the Spring to the children to attend an afternoon Sunday School at his Church was brought up. The Managers thought it well to begin the proposed arrangement in September if agreeable to Mr. Carpenter and it was

Resolved That this be signified to Mr. Carpenter by the Secretary.

Also

Resolved That a note be sent by the Secretary to Mr. Hamilton, the Pastor of the Methodist Church, thanking him and his Society for all the kindness bestowed upon the children during their afternoon attendance at the People's Church.

The Committee appeared satisfied with the new Matron. Some changes in the household arrangements had been made by her, all of which they had approved.

Adjourned -

Mary Anne Hales, Secy.

August 1879

The Managers held their monthly meeting on Tuesday August 25-

The First and Second Directresses, Treasurer, Secretary and five Managers were present.

Resolved That all bills be paid.

Resolved That Miss Paine and Mrs. Robbins be the Committee for the next month.

The Committee reported that Adeline Gibson and the two Briggses had come; that Lily Rowen had gone to her place which thus far seemed very satisfactory; also that Maria Hayes had gone for board and clothes to Mrs. Coby; this seemed an excellent place for Maria and thus far there had been no complaint of her.



August-  
1879

Mrs. Greely of East-Salisbury made application for Ida Matthews. The place seemed a good one and although there was a great scarcity of older girls the Committee recommended that the application be granted.

Voted

That - Ida Matthews be bound to Mr. and Mrs. Greely.

Voted

That - Edith Wells, Ada Black, Addie Anderson and Annie Hanson shall return to the Asylum on September 20.

Application was made for the admission of Effie Mackintosh, a child at present at the Temporary Home. The Mother was dead and the father a workless man. The case seemed a hard one and it was

Voted

That Effie Mackintosh be admitted. The bedsteads had been changed according to the vote passed at the last meeting.

Mrs. Hapford and Miss Blake would leave during the month and it would be necessary to fill their places.

Mrs. Hackett's conduct was reported unsatisfactory and it was thought best that Mrs. Godwin should talk with her seriously about it; the Managers were not willing that Mrs. Hackett should stay unless her treatment of the children as well as her demeanour towards Miss Palmer should be altered.

Adjourned -

Mary Anne Hales, Sec<sup>y</sup>



Sept. 1879

The Annual Meeting was held on Tuesday Sept. 30.

In the absence of Mr. Carpenter, the Minister of Hollis St. Church, the Rev. Mr. Tilden opened the meeting with prayer, after which the Children Sang. Mr. Tilden baptized Mary Curtis, Ruth Greaves, Adeline Gibson & Ada Adams. The Children Sang again & the following Statement was read by the Secretary.

The Annual Reports of the Asylum bear so strong a likeness the one to the other that the Secretary has been excused from presenting one at this Anniversary Meeting. A few Statements, however, are due to the friends whose interest in the Children brings them here today. The number of Children now in the Asylum is eighty three and we cannot give proper care and accommodation to more; in fact it would be better for the well being of the whole to diminish somewhat further the size of the family. There is now rather an undue proportion of little children and we miss the stronger hands of the older ones who have left us. Twenty three girls have gone within the year, many of whom have as usual been taken by their relations; more might have been sent to good places, had they been here to send. Fifteen Children have been admitted, three of whom them having been put out to board. Every admission has been carefully considered, because neither our income nor our house-room warrants us in taking under our charge any but those who have a clear and reasonable right to a home here. While that has been the case we have thus far been able to meet all demands. We continue to keep at board a limited number of young children; at present there are seven, but this number we expect



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Somewhat to reduce. Our income like all other incomes has shrunk, and, although this new work has been an interesting and in many respects a satisfactory one, it is not our first work and has only a Secondary claim upon our attention. As soon as the little boarders are old enough it is the plan of the Managers to take them into the Asylum, and several of them have during the year been added to the family.

The year has brought more than the usual amount of illness to the children, two of whom have died. We have also lost by death one of the most valued workers in the household whose place it will not be easy to fill.

Nothing more remains to be said, but any inquiries with regard to the children or to the methods of work will readily be answered either by the Managers or by those more immediately in charge of the family.

The children would like their friends to know that they have made during the year 1376 garments including 233 fowns.

This was followed by more singing after which the First Directresses distributed the prizes.

The prize for the Most-Deserving Girl was awarded to Mary Ella Leach.

To	Emma Alice Bartlett	for Scholarship	\$ 5.00
	Mary Jane Proctor	" Industry	\$ 5.00
	Minnie Bell Clark	" Usefulness	\$ 5.00
	Margaret E. Collum	" Improvement	\$ 5.00
	Alice V. Butler	" Improvement	\$ 5.00
	Mary Ann Neal	" Usefulness	\$ 5.00
	Caroline Frances Adams	" Industry	\$ 5.00
	Mary Giffis	" Good Conduct	\$ 5.00
	Annie D. R. Leach	as Best-Little Girl	\$ 5.00
	Eunice E. Leach	for Improvement	\$ 5.00



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The children then sang a song appropriate to Anniversary Day composed by Mr. Johnson. Mr. Tilden spoke to them and a few words were also said by Mr. Haskell, the Sexton of Warren St. Chapel. A Choral was sung and before the benediction the subscribers were invited to adjourn to the Managers' room, where Officers and Managers were to be chosen for the following year.

The following list was elected.

First Directress	Mrs. Elias Goodwin
Second Directress	Mrs. Theodore Lyman
Treasurer	Miss Sarah C. Paine
Secretary	Miss Mary Anne Hales
Managers	
Mrs. Chas. E. Hale	Mrs. Chandler Robbins
Mrs. Fred U. Tracy	Miss Harriet L. Brown
Mrs. Philip A. Sears	Miss Gertrude S. Ellis
Mrs. Otis Bullard	Mrs. Greely S. Curtis
Miss Marianne Paine	Mrs. Eliot C. Clarke
Miss Abby M. Storer	Miss Annie D. Phillips

### Managers' Meeting

The First & Second Directresses, Treasurer, Secretary and Twelve Managers were present.

Tried  
Tried

That all bills be paid.

That Mrs. Clarke and Miss Phillips be the Committee for the next month.

Mrs. Sears had taken the last month with Mrs. Robbins.

Effie McIntosh had not come to the Asylum as her father was not willing to give her up. Edith Wells was thought too delicate to be brought in at present, but the other little children had returned according to the note.

Matty Palmer had gone to the Children's Hospital for an abscess in her throat.



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Mrs. Corty had returned Maria Hayes with many complaints. Bessy Brown had been taken by her half-sister Mrs. Windsor Whittemore who brought good recommendations. Louisa and Charlotte Walter the half-sisters of Susan Lippenceller applied to take their little sister. Both the young women were at work and seemed able to undertake the charge. Their references were good and it was

Voted

That their request be granted.  
Miss Rowell of Amesbury applied for a girl fourteen or fifteen years old. There were no girls of that age in the Asylum but the place seemed so desirable a one that it was

Voted

To offer Miss Rowell her choice among the girls of thirteen years.

It was thought that Mrs. F. H. de Rochemont would soon want to take another girl & it was

Voted

That Mrs. de Rochemont shall take any girl whom she may deem suitable.

Application was made for the admission of Sarah Kennedy, a child who had been once before in the Asylum. This application was refused.

Mrs. McPherson the Cook, was going soon to be married to Mr. Gibson and wished to take her daughter Maude with her. Voted - That her request be granted.

Mrs. Rogers had been engaged as Seamstress on a month's trial. Miss Palmer wished to try her for another month before deciding whether to keep her permanently.

Lizzy Strain was still quite ill at her sister's, Mrs. Wecherbee's. It was

Voted

To allow to Lizzy four weeks' pay, as she would have had a vacation for that time had she been well.

Abby Wilson had taken about twenty of the little children into the Kindergarten room to teach,



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and the plan had thus far worked very well. It was thought - ~~that~~ - more outside help was needed in order to relieve the older girls. This matter was left to the Committee for the next month to decide after Consulting with Miss Palmer.

A new Carpet for Miss Palmer's Room had been bought.

Mrs. Cordwin had spoken to Mrs. Hackett and some improvement during the month had been noticed. It was

Met

request Miss Palmer to remain as Matron, her three months trial being now ended.

All the Managers who had come in contact with Miss Palmer had been much pleased with her methods of work.

Elihu Bradley who had been promised a place in September had come and had been taken to Mrs. Fay's to board, in place of Maud Clark who ~~would~~ <sup>was</sup> now old enough to be in the Asylum. It was thought best for Maffy Selory also now to come to the Asylum.

Mr. & Mrs. Eastman again made complaints of Esther Wipin, the little girl whom they had adopted. They were very desirous of returning her to the Asylum. The Managers were by no means satisfied with the treatment that the child had received and accordingly

Voted

That this request be granted.

During the month of September Mr. Carpenter had held an afternoon Sunday School for the children.

Witnessed -

Mary Anne Hals, Secy



October  
1879

The Managers' Monthly Meeting was held on Tuesday  
Oct. 28.

The First and Second Directresses, Treasurer,  
Secretary and Ten Managers were present.

Voted

That all bills be paid.

Voted

That Mrs. Hale and Miss Brown be the Committee  
for the next month.

The Committee reported that Miss  
Rowell had taken Mary Ann Rounds. That Maria  
Noyes had gone to Milton to live with Mrs. Savenport,  
who agreed to pay her wages by and by if she  
did well. Bessie Brown had been taken by her  
sister. Mrs. de Rachemont would take Ellen Trout.

The mother of Edith Bradley wished to remove her  
from the care of the Asylum, as she knew of a  
very good woman who would give the child a home.

Voted

That Mrs. Bradley's request be granted.

An application had been received from Miss Childs  
to take a little girl about ten years old from  
the Asylum. This application was refused.

The case of a little child under three years old  
was mentioned, whose mother Mrs. Malcolm was in  
the House of the Good Samaritan. The Managers did  
not think they could take the little girl in at  
present, even if the mother were willing to give her  
up. It was decided to let the matter lie over  
till the next meeting.

Voted

That all children of three years old or over now  
boarding out be brought into the Asylum during the  
month.

Mary Giffin was very ill at Mrs. Folsom's and  
would not probably recover.

The new Cook, Mary Smith, was much liked, but  
finding the work too hard she had made up her  
mind to leave. Mrs. Rogers had no proved satisfac-  
tory and Miss Sherman had been engaged in  
her stead. Mrs. Rogers requested the Asylum to pay.



Oct. 1879 her passage back to Bangor. This request was refused.

A young girl named Louisa Guething had been engaged to help in the house. She was much liked, but it was not certain that she would be strong enough for the work.

An application for the adoption of a child was received. It was

Voted That the matter be properly investigated and reported at the next meeting.

Voted That Mrs. Bullard and Mrs. Stacy be appointed a Committee to examine the Treasurer's books.

The following report was read

Treasurer's Report October 23, 1879.

Cash on hand Oct. 26, 1878 2,320.03

#### Received Income

Interest Mass. Hospital Life Insurance Co.	1,700.-
" " " Appleton Fund	42.50
Dividends on Bank Stock	2,880.-
Taxes on Bank Shares refunded by the State	711.58
Dividends on Railroad Stock	1716.-
Interest on Railroad Bonds	3240.-
Dividends Lawrence Gas. Co.	1700.-
Interest on U. S. Bonds	300.-
Interest on deposits in Savings Banks	881.62
Rents & Interest on mortgage from Rowe Estate	163.98
Dividends Cocheco Co.	30.-
Subscriptions	142.-
Sale of old bedsteads	47.10
Total Income	13,524.78

#### Received Principal

Sale of \$4000 U. S. 5% Bonds - less 70 - Commission	3990.-
Part Payment of mortgage on Rowe Estate	400.-
Cash withdrawn from Suffolk Savings Bank	2756.28
	<u>7146.28</u>
	<u>22471.04</u>



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# Expenses chargeable to Income

Provisions	4394.70
Salaries & Wages	3874.59
Clothing	1266.84
Furniture	844.99
Repairs	760.83
Incidental Expenses	741.90
Fuel	629.10
Orders to the Matron for the use of the Asylum	120.43
Board of Children	1648.79
Prizes	<u>46.</u>

14,328.17

## Payments on account of Principal

Paid for 12 Shares new Stock Chicag. Bur. & Quincy R.R 1200.-	
" 4000- Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe 2 <sup>d</sup> Mortgage Bonds	4560.-
Interest & Commission on above	<u>83.45</u>

5845.45

## Cash deposited in Old Boston National Bank

2817.47  
22,991.09

## Stock Account

Mass. Hospital Life Insurance Co	40,000.-
" " " " Appleton Fund	1,000.-
Bank Stock	50,200.-
170 Shares Lawrence Gas Co.	17,000.-
1 " Cocheco Co.	500.-
26 " Boston & Albany R. R.	2600.-
132 " Chicag. Burlington & Quincy R. R.	13,200.-
100 " Philadelphia Wilmington & Baltimore R. R.	5,000.-
7 " Fitchburg R. R.	700.-
1 " Boston & Lowell R. R.	400.-
U. S. Bonds of 1881	1000.-



October	Conn. & Passumpsic Rivers R.R. Bond	1000.-
1879	Cincinnati & Indiana R.R. Bonds	4375.-
	Chicago Burlington & Quincy R.R. Bonds	7000.-
	Burlington & Missouri R.R. Bonds Soring Fund	7000.-
	Burlington & Missouri in Nebraska R.R. Bonds	6000.-
	Illinois Grand Trunk R.R. Bond	1000.-
	Boston & Albany R.R. Bonds	7000.-
	Philadelphia Wilmington & Baltimore R.R. Bonds	6000.-
	Fitchburg R.R. Bonds	8000.-
	Deposit in Suffolk Savings Bank	12,963.67
	President Institution for Savings	6,176.71
	Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe 2 <sup>d</sup> Mortgage Bonds	4,000.-
		<u>202,115.38</u>

Errors Excepted  
 Sarah G. Paine  
 Treasurer Boston Female Asylum

This report - having been read and accepted  
 the meeting adjourned.

Mary Anne Wales, Sec<sup>y</sup>

Nov. 1879 The monthly meeting of the Managers was held on  
 Tuesday, November 25.

The First and Second Directresses, Treasurer,  
 Secretary and 12 Managers were present.

Voted That all bills be paid.

Voted That Mrs. Curtis and Miss Phillips be the Committee  
 for the next month.

The Committee reported that Mrs. Benton  
 of South Frammingham had made application for a  
 girl and would like to take Emma Norton. The  
 girl could go to school part of the time and would  
 be near church; altogether the place seemed a very  
 desirable one and it was

Voted That Emma Norton be bound to Mr. and Mrs.  
 Benton.



Nov. 1879

Mrs. Abercrombie of Cambridge wished to take Annie Matthews. Miss Brown was much pleased with Mrs. Abercrombie and thought she seemed to feel the responsibility involved in taking a child.

Voted That Annie Matthews be bound to Mrs. Abercrombie.

Mrs. Abercrombie had referred to Mr. Rogers and Mr. McKennie, both of whom gave her an excellent character.

Mrs. Heatherbee would like to take Emma Bartlett; whom she proposed to educate for a teacher. The Managers were much pleased and

Voted That her request be granted.

Miss Sherman had come and proved satisfactory. A new Cook, an American woman, named Fanny had been engaged and was liked by every one in the house. She Cooked very well, was economical and neat and very pleasant with the children. She had at one time feared that she was not strong enough for the work, but had concluded to stay for awhile at least. Miss Palmer did not think \$4.30 a week adequate compensation for her services. It was therefore Voted To pay the new Cook \$3.30 a week. Mr. Cameron who had applied a year and a half ago for the admission of his little girl now renewed the application. He seemed out of health and unable to provide for the child. The woman whom he married after his former application had now left him. Voted That his request be granted.

Application had been made for the admission of a little Swedish girl not yet three years old. Since her mother's death her home had been with Mr. & Mrs. Hall in Stockholm, upon whom she had no claim and who could not afford to keep her any longer. Mrs. Hall would be willing to keep her at low board till she should be old enough to enter the asylum.



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Voted That - this application be accepted and that \$2.00 a week for the child's board be paid to Mrs. Hall until she shall be three years old.

The Aunt of Adeline Gibson applied for the admission of another of the family five years old.

Voted That the request be granted.

Mary Gibbs had died at Mrs. Tolson's and her family had undertaken the expense of her funeral.

Voted That a present of \$20.- be sent to Mr. & Mrs. Tolson in consideration of the care bestowed on the child during her illness.

Winifred McCarty had for a week been very ill.

Adjourned -

Mary Anne Hales, Sec<sup>ry</sup>

December 1879

The monthly meeting of the Managers was held on Tuesday, Dec. 30.

The First and Second Directresses, Treasurer, Secretary and twelve Managers were present.

Voted That all bills be paid.

Voted That Mrs. Tracy and Miss Ellis be the Committee for the next month.

Winifred McCarty had died during the month. The little Swedish girl spoken of at the last meeting had not been brought again to the Asylum but the other children had been admitted. Hilda Svenson, Edith Wells, Margaret Selory & Carlone Johnstone had been brought from their boarding places according to the vote passed at a former meeting. Emma Bartlett would go to Mrs. Heatherbee after Twelve Night.

Complaint of Caroline Hallen had been made by Mrs. Parsons. Mrs. Curtis had already written to Caroline apparently with good effect and it was Voted That she be requested to write also to Mrs. Parsons, with the hope of persuading her to keep the girl.



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complaints were also made of Maria Hayes and Annie Matthews. Mrs. Overcomb made to the Managers a statement of her trials with Annie but at the same time wished to keep her for another month. Miss Howland has gone to Chelsea to see Jane Barker of whom a poor account had been received. Miss Howland was pleased with Jane's Cousin Mrs. Butler with whom she lived, but was not satisfied with the character which Jane herself seemed to bear in the neighborhood. Emma Finn had been at the Asylum; she was at a place and seemed to be doing well.

Miss Palmer was now quite well satisfied with Mrs. Hackett. She did not think it necessary to fill Winifred's place at present.

A new mangle had been seen by some of the Managers, which would it was thought save much labor at the Asylum and could be easily worked. It was  
Voted That this mangle be purchased.

An invitation for the children to attend a pantomime at the Park Theatre was received from Mr. Hale, but as the children had been to several entertainments lately it was thought best to decline it with thanks.

The Secretary was requested to thank Mr. Thayer for his kindness in supplying our season free of charge to take the children their Christmas entertainment at Hollis St.

Adjourned -

Marionne Bates, Secy

Jan. 1880

The Managers held their monthly meeting on Tuesday January 27.

The First & Second Directresses, Treasurer, Secretary and Eleven Managers were present.

Voted That all bills be paid.

Voted That Mrs. Ware and Mrs. Bullard be the Committee for the next month.



January  
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The Committee reported that the new mangle was in its place, the kitchen floor having been personally examined & made sure that it was sufficiently strong to bear the weight.

Dr. Romans had examined & vaccinated the new comers.

So large a plumber's bill had been sent in that it was recommended to require these bills to be sent more frequently.

The Committee thought that too many children were given to Abby Wilson to teach. Nineteen were in her room and six others were sent up to her from the school room for recitations. The matter was referred to the Committee for the next month. The Committee were also dissatisfied about the mending; they did not think that enough mending was done or that enough was taught. This also was referred to the Committee for the next month. A very unsatisfactory account was given of the bathing arrangements and the Committee for the next month were requested to introduce some improvements; so that greater cleanliness might be attained. The number of punishments in the school seemed to the Committee very large. It was

Noted

That all the punishing shall in future be done by Miss Howland and that a record be kept during the month which shall show to the Managers the names of the children punished & the cause thereof.

Emma Norton was reported to be so homesick that the Managers thought it best for her to return to the Asylum. The place seemed a very good one and as Mrs. Benton wished for another girl, it was

Noted

That Mary Griffiths be sent to Mrs. Benton instead of Emma Norton.

Mr. Matthews, the father of Ida and Annie had applied for the admission of a third child.



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This was referred to the Committee for the next Monday.  
A note was read from Mrs. Abel Crombie,  
stating that - Annie Matthews was improving;  
Adjourned -  
Mary Anne Wales, Secretary.

Gills who completed their apprenticeship December 1879

Ellen Copeland - In her place; doing well

Georgiana Jenkinson - In her place.

Susan Amelia Burpee - In her place

Mary Tebenham - With her mother

Alice Webber - With her mother.

Emily Finn - At Service; improving.



Feb. 1880.

The Managers of the Asylum held their monthly meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 24.

The First and Second Directresses, Treasurer, Secretary and Eleven Managers were present.

Voted

That all bills be paid.

Voted

That Miss Brown and Miss Stet be the Committee for the next month.

The Committee reported that Miss Howland had not had occasion to punish a child during the month; that the class from Abby's room had come down into the School room. Miss Howland thought it desirable that the afternoon School should begin at two o'clock instead of 1.30, but it was

Voted

To make no alteration in the School hours.

Improvements in the bathing arrangements had been made.

Almina Bowdoin had gone to the Children's Hospital, but had been returned on account of her bad habits.

Voted

That a present of \$30. be made to the Children's Hospital on account of their care of Almina.

It was thought best to make application for Almina at the Women's & Children's Hospital, paying suitable board for her there.

Lydia had taken a class in mending and the Committee thought some of the work very well done.

Emma Norton had returned to the Asylum & Mary Griffiths had gone in her stead to Mrs. Benton.

Mrs. Whittaker the sister of Bessy Brown, expressed great dissatisfaction with Bessy, but the Managers felt that it was for Mrs. Whittaker and not for them to get Bessy another place, in case that step should be necessary.

Mr. Tul made application for the transfer of his daughter Sarah's indentures from her grandfather, Mr. West, to himself. He stated that Mr. West's home was a very bad one for Sarah and that he had removed her from it and had placed her at



Feb. 1880 board with Mrs. Butler of Wakefield. Mrs. Lyman had made inquiries as well as personal investigations and had no doubt that his statements concerning the West family were true. She had visited Mrs. Butler in Wakefield, was pleased with her and thought there was every chance that Sarah would have a good home there.

It was voted That Mr. Teal's request be granted.

Application was received from Capt. Hon. G. Blackett of New Bedford for the adoption of a little girl. The references were not satisfactory and it was

voted That the application be refused.

A note was read from Dr. Chas. D. Romans, resigning his place as physician at the Asylum.

voted That a note be sent to Dr. Romans expressing the gratitude of the Managers for his long and faithful services and their regret that they must now lose him.

Dr. Cutler at Dr. Romans's request was willing to succeed him as physician to the Asylum.

A note was read from Mrs.ACKETT resigning her place at the Asylum, the resignation to take effect the last of March. This resignation was accepted and the meeting adjourned.

Mary Anne Wales, Secy

March 1880 The monthly meeting of the Managers was held on Tuesday March 30.

The First Directress, Second Directress, Treasurer, Secretary, and Eleven Managers were present.

voted That all bills be paid.

voted That Mrs. Clarke and Mrs. Robbins be the Committee for the next month.

The Committee reported that Almira Boardman could not receive the necessary attention in any Hospital. After many inquiries about a proper boarding place she had been placed with Mrs. Pierce in Wayland. Mrs. Pierce was highly recommended by Miss Chapin, the Matron



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of the Infant Asylum and the place seemed a most desirable one. Mrs. Pierce was willing to bestow the necessary attention upon the child for four dollars a week; these terms seemed to the Managers very moderate and the arrangement was approved, the supervision of Almira being left with Miss Brown.

There had been ten applicants to fill the place of Mrs. Hackett as Nursery Matron. Mrs. Greff had been chosen and had been in the Asylum a week. Miss Palmer hoped that she would do well, but she considered the position a difficult one to fill.

Mr. Geo. Wigglesworth applied for the admission of a little girl four years old named Burns. Both parents were drunkards and it seemed desirable to take from them their three children.

Next

That this child be admitted.

Application was made to take Mary Curtis, who was only eleven years old; this application was refused.

Another application was made for the admission of a little girl under three years old. This also was refused, as the case seemed complicated and rather suited for adoption.

The Committee mentioned the destitute of Caroline Adams and suggested sending her to the House, as she was useful in the Asylum and her infirmities would prevent her getting a place elsewhere.

Tried

That this matter be left to the Committee for the next month.

The Committee were much pleased with Abby Wilson's class, especially with the reading.

The laundress was now accustomed to the Mangle and liked it very much.

The gardener applied for the sale of the ground in the next season, but was referred to Mrs. Tracy.

Mrs. Parsons, the daughter of Mrs. De Roche Mont, applied to take a little girl from the Asylum. Mrs. Parsons lived in Central New York, and the distance was



March 1880 thought - too great. The application was refused.  
Ains Gagin had not improved and would <sup>not</sup> be kept  
in her place after April 1<sup>st</sup>. Amongst other plans the  
Refuge on Rutland St. was suggested as an appropriate  
place for her. The matter was finally left to Mrs.  
Goodwin and Miss Ellis to make whatever arrange-  
ments they ~~may~~ <sup>should</sup> judge best.

The Treasurer requested advice from the Board  
as to converting into stock the income & expense bond  
owned by the Asylum.

Voted That the matter be left to Mr. Vaine & Miss Vaine.  
Adjourned -  
Mary Anne Wales, Sec<sup>y</sup>

April 1880 The Managers held their monthly meeting on Tuesday,  
April 27.

The First and Second Directresses, Treasurer,  
Secretary and Twelve Managers were present.

Voted That all bills be paid.  
Voted That Mrs. Tracy and Mrs. Curtis be the Committee  
for the next month.

Mrs. Lyman reported that Mr. Seal had married  
again and had suddenly removed his little girl from  
her boarding place to live with him and her step-  
mother. As the child had been given up to her father  
she should nothing be done in the case.

The little girl named Burns had not been  
admitted, her father having refused to give her up.  
Caroline Adams had been to the City Hospital and was  
desired by the physician to come three times a week  
for treatment. The Managers decided that this must  
be done and left the making of the necessary arrange-  
ments to Miss Palmer and the Committee for the  
month. A child eight years old who had neither father  
nor mother was presented for admission. The Managers  
& Sisters were provided for, but for this little girl



April 18th no means of support had offered.

That this child, Florence Naomi Safford, be admitted,  
subject to the approval of Dr. Cutler.

Mrs. Leonard Arnold of North Abington applied  
to take a child. Mrs. Arnold's maiden name was  
Frances Stevens. She had many years ago been in the  
Asylum herself and wished now to take in her  
turn to give a home to an Asylum child. The  
Managers who had seen Mrs. Arnold were much  
pleased with her and her recommendations were  
excellent. Alice Butler seemed to be the child  
most suited to the place. It was therefore

That Alice V. Butler be bound to Mr. & Mrs.  
Leonard Arnold.

Miss Ellis reported that it had been found  
impossible to get Agnes Gagin into the Refuge, but  
that an excellent boarding-place with Mrs. Williams  
in Hyde Park had been found for her. Agnes had  
been there for two weeks and had thus far done  
well. Mrs. Godwin very kindly undertook the pay-  
ment of the Board for the first two or three weeks.

Mrs. Swenson had applied for the admission of  
her second child. She seemed much out of health  
and not able to do enough work to support the  
child. The case was left over till the next  
meeting, as it was thought Mrs. Swenson's illness  
might be temporary.

That Mrs. Tracy and Mrs. Bullard be the  
Committee to examine the Treasurer's books.

That Abby Wilson be paid homefark \$4.00 a week  
instead of \$3.00.

Adjourned.

Mary Anne Hales, Secy



May  
1880

The Managers held their monthly meeting on  
Tuesday, May 23.

The Second Directress, Treasurer, Secretary,  
and Twelve Managers were present.

Voted

That all bills be paid.

Voted

That Mrs. Ballard and Miss Ellis be the Committee  
for the next month.

The Committee reported that arrangements  
had been made for Caroline Adams to go regularly  
to the Hospital. That Florence Safford had been  
admitted. That Mrs. Parsons had again become  
very much dissatisfied with Caroline Warren and  
had sent her back to the Asylum, where she had  
thus far done very well and made herself very  
useful. An invitation had come from Mrs. Samprey  
for Mary Barker to make her a visit in Laconia  
during the summer.

Voted

That this invitation be accepted with thanks;  
also that the thanks of the Managers be sent to  
Mrs. Samprey for her kindness in inviting Mary  
in past summers.

Fanny, the Cook, had broken down in her health;  
she was now sick in bed, very heavy to lift and  
was giving much trouble in the house. Arrangements  
had been made for her going to the Hospital and  
Mrs. Curtis thought that she could be removed very  
soon. The nursery floor needed attention; this was  
referred to the Committee on repairs. Miss Palmer  
was very tired and the Committee had at one  
time feared that she might be obliged to leave.  
They had arranged for her to take a three weeks'  
vacation, which she would do as soon as a new  
Cook was engaged. This arrangement was approved  
by the Board. It was also

Voted

That Miss Palmer's salary be raised from Five  
Hundred to Six Hundred dollars a year, beginning  
July 1<sup>st</sup>.



May 1880

As there seemed some difficulty in accommodating the various members of the household with their vacations, it was

Voted

That the First and Second Directresses be a Committee to attend to this business and make out some regular plan for the vacations.

It was thought that the children were confined too closely in the house on Sundays, and it <sup>was</sup>

Voted

That they be allowed to be in the yard under proper restrictions.

Two applications to take girls had been received. Mr. & Mrs. Dearborne of Roslindale would like Margaret Lambrecht. Miss Phillips knew Mr. & Mrs. Dearborne very well and thought it an exceptionally good place. It was accordingly

Voted

That their application be granted.

Miss Phillips offered to take the guardianship of Margaret.

Mr. & Mrs. Geo. F. Scott of Brockton would like to take Emma Norton. Miss Palmer was pleased with Mr. Scott's appearance; the recommendations were satisfactory and as there were children in the family it was thought that Emma would be contented. It was therefore

Voted

That Emma Norton be bound to Mr. & Mrs. Scott.

Miss Paine offered to take the guardianship of Emma Norton and Mrs. Clarke that of Alice Butler.

Mrs. Scannel applied to take her daughter Fanny. It was

Voted

That the Committee for the next month make the necessary inquiries about Mrs. Scannel and report at the next meeting.

Mrs. de Rochemont complained of Ellen Trout as slack in her work and stupid; she was very anxious to return the girl to the asylum. As Ellen had made herself very useful in the Asylum in taking



May 1880. Care of the little children it seemed under the circumstances better that she should return.

A very good account had been received of Mary Griffiths. Mrs. Williams was now willing to continue the care of Agnes Gugin at \$3.00 a week.

A note was read from Terry Straine resigning her place as teacher on account of ill health.

Toted That this resignation be accepted.

Mrs. Surrey applied for the admission of her little girl. Her husband had been for three years insane and was taken care of by his family in Castine. Mrs. Surrey had two children to support. She had been housekeeper in a family & had had the children with her. This household was now broken up. She had a chance of a situation at Heeks & Porter's, which would enable her to support the boy, but she did not think she could earn enough to maintain the two. This case was left to the Committee for the next month.

Another application for the admission of a child was mentioned, but, as very little was known about the case, it also was left for the Committee of the next month.

The Treasurer wished instructions with regard to some Western Bonds, which she thought could now be sold to advantage.

Toted That these bonds be sold if the Treasurer thinks best.

Adjourned -

Mary Anne Wales, Sec<sup>ry</sup>

June 1880 The Managers held their monthly meeting on Tuesday June 29.

The First Directress, Treasurer, Secretary and Five Managers were present.

Toted That all bills be paid.

Toted That Mrs. Lyman and Miss Marianne Paine be



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the Committee for the next month.

A place for Caroline Warren had been found with Mrs. Weston in Melrose. Mrs. Weston paid her \$1. a week and seemed well satisfied with her. Caroline's mother, Mrs. Wilber, was very anxious to take her but it was

Noted

That Mrs. Wilber's request be refused. The Committee had made inquiries about Mrs. Scannel. It was found that she hired a room in Carver St., and worked out from morning to night. This was considered a very bad arrangement for Fanny and it was

Noted

That Mrs. Scannel's request to take her daughter be refused.

Mrs. Briggs made application to take the two children whom she put into the Asylum last summer. She was going to Pennsylvania having the promise of work in some glass works near Pittsburg. A friend, Mr. Wilkinson, who had got her the work, would be responsible for one of the children. It was thought best for the little girls to go and it was accordingly

Noted

That Mrs. Briggs's request be granted.

The Committee had decided to admit Alice Gertrude Ledy, the mother's statement having been confirmed.

Noted

That Mary Leach and Edith Wells, who were both in delicate health, be boarded with Mrs. Tolson until Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>.

Noted

An invitation for Margaret O'Leary to make a visit to Mr. and Mrs. Head in Weston was received. That this invitation be accepted with thanks.

Mr. Lane of Salisbury made application for a child.

Noted

That the Committee for the next month be authorized to grant this request in case Mr. Lane's references are satisfactory.



June 1882  
Voted Miss Howland requested that the School should have a vacation on Fridays as usual this Summer. That this request be referred to the Committee for the month.

Voted Mrs. de Rochemont wrote that she could no longer keep Ellen Trout. That Ellen be boarded with her grandmother at 20. a week until another place can be found for her.

A letter was read from Mrs. Haskell of Rappahannock stating that Mary Ann Trout had run away from her place, taking with her twelve dollars which she had stolen. It was thought that she had gone to Washington and perhaps from there to New York or Boston. It was

Voted That this matter be left in charge of Miss Paine to take any measures she may think best for her recovery.

A letter was read from Miss Williams giving a very bad account of Agnes Gasin and declining to board her any longer. It was

Voted That Agnes Gasin be transferred to the care of the State.

Margaret Lambrecht had been home-sick and Mary Neal had gone in her place to live with Mr. & Mrs. Dearborne.

A letter was read from Mr. Eastman complaining of Esther, the little girl adopted by Mr. & Mrs. Eastman and asking the advice of the Managers. As the Managers were not willing that Esther should return to the Asylum it did not seem possible for them to assist Mr. Eastman in the discharge of his responsibilities. And it was

Voted The Secretary write them to this effect.

Adopted -

Mary Anne Hales, Secy



1880. The Managers held their monthly meeting July 27.

The First and Second Deacons, and seven managers were present.

Voted That all bills be paid.

Voted That Mrs. Robbins and Miss Arner be the committee for the month.

Voted That Maggie Lambert and Minnie Bell Clarke be sent to Mrs. Tolson's at Maryland, on account of their health, and that Maggie go immediately, but that Minnie wait until Mary Proctor returns from her vacation, which will be in two weeks.

Carrie Franen had left Mrs. Preston. She went to visit her mother on the 1<sup>st</sup> of July, and Mrs. M. expected her return on the next day, but received instead, shortly after, a letter from Mrs. Gilman, the mother of Carrie, saying that she had taken her daughter to Maine, and was acting under the advice of an attorney. It was considered useless to attempt to recover Carrie, as she would probably run away again, and her trunk was accordingly sent to her. Mrs. Preston wished to take a younger girl with the usual form of indenture. The committee had allowed her to take Annie Salmon, and it was

Voted, That the action of the committee be confirmed, and that Annie Salmon be bound to Peter D., and Sarah A. Weston of Belrose Highlands.

Mr. Krasinski had made application for his daughter Emma. As his wife had confirmed habits of intemperance it was

Voted That his request be refused. It was also

Voted That Emma Krasinski be bound to the house.

Application was made by the aunt of Annie Horst, a half-sister of Topsy Horst, to place Annie in the Asylum. The child has a mother, and half-sister in Providence, but they



do not fancy the child, who is a very uninteresting one, and the woman who has charge of her now wished to place her in the Asylum, that she might have her under her eye. It was

Resolved That the application be refused.

Mrs. Martin applied for her daughter Sarah. Mrs. M. lives in Charlestown, is a respectable, worthy woman, and earns from six to nine dollars a week; and thinking that we should shortly put the child to service, preferred taking her, herself. As by our books, Sarah was scarcely eleven years old, it was

Resolved That she remain in the Asylum till she is twelve years of age.

Several applications having been made to take children out to spend the day, or for two or three days, it was

Resolved That no such request be granted except by the committee of the month.

A letter had been received from Mrs. Horatio Bryden of So. Walpole, asking instructions with regard to Nellie Copeland's money, due her when she was eighteen, which would be on Aug. 20. She desired to pay only twenty dollars, as Nellie had been of but little use to her lately. The family with whom Nellie had once lived in Alton Bay, had written to her, desiring her to live with them, when her time was out at Walpole, and Mrs. Bryden was instructed by the committee to procure a trunk for Nellie, and pay her travelling expenses to Alton Bay, and to pay over the balance of the twenty dollars, after these sums were deducted, to the Treasurer of the Asylum.

Miss Paine had made efforts to find a place for Agnes Pagin. She could not be sent to Lancaster, because she was weak-minded, and was therefore taken to Newbury by Miss Paine, and given over to the charge of the state. She



is quite unhappy there, and it is possible that the authorities may find her a place.

Miss Paine had communicated with the Chief of Police with regard to Mary Prout. After a day or two, he telegraphed to her, that Mary was in charge of the police at Washington. She had accused several men of rape by violence, and these men had been found, and were to be brought before the grand jury for conviction. Their trial, should they be convicted - of which there seemed no doubt - would take place in Sept. or Oct., and Mary would be retained as witness. Mr. Haskell had been to Washington to identify Mary, who had given her name as Mary Mansfield, and a letter had been received by Miss Paine, from Mrs. Haskell, giving an account of the whole affair. Mrs. Goodwin had written to Mr. Brock, Chief of Police in Washington, asking his good offices for Mary, and she had received an answer from him, promising to do all in his power for her.

adjourned.

Harriet L. Brown, Sec. Soc. Times

Aug 1880.

The monthly meeting of the managers was held Aug. 31.

Voted That all bills be paid.

Voted That Mrs. Lyman and Miss Paine be the Committee for the month.

Mrs. McCubae applied for her daughter Ruth but as she wished to place her with a woman who lived in Bromfield St., it was

Voted That her request be refused.

Mrs. Korasinski came with a request to take home his daughter Leah, from Mr. Leeson's. She had returned from England with her employees, under the accusation of stealing from a shop in Lexington just before she left, and was with appealingly rescued from



the law there. Mrs. Leeson refuses to keep her any longer, though Teaty will be eighteen in October, and represents her as a hardened sinner. Miss Moor went out to see her, and found her any thing but hardened. She was exceedingly penitent for her sin, and perfectly amenable to the authority of the Asylum. Mrs. Leeson can only mention, beside this offence, two instances of deception, during the whole time she has been with her.

Resolved, That his request be refused, and that he be told that the Asylum will find her a place.

Resolved, That the Secretary write to Mr. & Mrs. Leeson, letting them that if they were not willing to keep Teaty till Oct. 9, they might send her here, and that the Managers would expect them to pay her the fifty dollars, as her time had so nearly expired. \* \*

Charlotte Svenson again applied through Miss Clapp of the Mass. Infant Asylum, for the admission of her younger child, and it appearing from Miss Clapp's account, that the mother was too feeble to earn enough money to pay the child's board, it was

Resolved That the request of Mrs. Svenson be granted, and that Mabel Cooper and Dolly Mc Caulay, now both three years of age be received into the Asylum, after a month's notice. Also,

Resolved, That Mrs. Svenson's child be continued in her present place.

Resolved, That the Asylum pay the board of Alice Broad, for two weeks in the County.

Margie Delong, and Edith Wells had returned from their visit in the County.

Mr. Graves had taken his daughter Ruth to the County for a few days, by leave of the Committee, and she had returned. Feltie Copeland had also been at the Asylum on her way from Ulster Co. N.Y.

Joanna, the cook, having desired an increase of wages, and it appearing that she was very neat, and



very good in instructing the children, it was  
Voted That the cook receive \$5.50 per week. It was also  
Voted # That Katy Korasinski be boarded at Mrs. Fry's until  
a place could be found for her, and it appearing  
that Mrs. de Rochemont desired a girl, Miss Fine  
was to write to her, and inquire if she would take Katy.  
It was

Voted That Mrs. de Rochemont's application be left to the  
Committee of the month.

The range had been repaired not altogether  
satisfactorily, but pretty well, and a sewing table,  
had been put in the stor. room, to wash the  
work-room ~~down~~ table dishes on.

The children had been on the Common several  
times and out in the horse cars, and had been  
well with the exception of Florence Safford, who  
had been ill with an affection of the mouth  
and throat. The committee had taken the re-  
sponsibility of sending her into the country. It was  
Voted That their action be confirmed.

Adjourned.

Harriet L. Brown,  
Secy. pro. tem.



Sept. 1880.

The Annual Meeting was held on Tuesday, Sept. 28.

As Mr. Carpenter could not be present, the Rev. Mr. Tilden opened the meeting with prayer, after which the children sang. Mr. Tilden baptized Alice Hanson, Edith Gibson, and Doloria McAlay. The children sang again, and in the absence of Miss Bates, the Secretary pro. tem. stated that thirteen children had left the Asylum during the past year, and that five had been admitted. The children had made during the year about three hundred garments, and had knit one hundred and fifty pairs of stockings, since last January. They had also mended many garments during the year.

Another song followed, after which the First-Deaconess distributed the prizes as follows;

The prize for the Most-Deserving Girl was awarded to Winnie B. Clark.

To Mary Ellen Leach, for Scholarship	\$5.00
Frances Scannell, for Industry	5.00
Annie Houston, for Industry	5.00
Caroline H. Adams, for Usefulness	5.00
Margaret E. Collum, for Usefulness	5.00
Emma Korasinski, for Improvement	5.00
Snah E. Martin, for Improvement	5.00
Ellen M. Camry, as Best-Little Girl	5.00

After another song by the children, the Rev. Mr. Tilden made an address well adapted to the occasion and the comprehension of the children, which, after another song, was followed by a very good address from Mr. Wm. Crosby, of the Children's Mission. A benediction was pronounced, as Mr. Tilden could not wait for the close of the meeting, but the First-Deaconess asked the Subscribers to meet in the Managers' Room, and announced that the Anniversary exercises were <sup>over</sup> started.

The following list of Officers and Managers was then elected for the  <sup>ensuing</sup> ~~following~~ year:



First-Directress  
Second Directress  
Treasurer,  
Secretary

Mrs. Oyas Goodwin,  
Mrs. Theodore Lyman,  
Miss Sarah C. Paine,  
Miss Mary Anne Bates.

Managers.  
Mrs. Chas. C. Ware,  
Mrs. Fred. W. Tracy,  
Mrs. Philip H. Sears,  
Mrs. Miss Fullard,  
Miss Marianne Paine,  
Miss Abby M. Storer,  
Mrs. Chandler Robbins,  
Miss Harriet L. Farn,  
Miss Gertrude S. Ellis,  
Mrs. Henry S. Curtis,  
Mrs. Eliot C. Clarke,  
Miss Fannie D. Phillips.

### Managers' Meeting.

The First and Second Directresses, and nine Managers were present.

Voted That all bills be paid.

Voted That Mrs. Clarke and Miss Phillips be the Committee for the month.

Voted That Mr. Sildens be thanked by note for his pleasant services at the Anniversary meeting.

The committee had had the usual painting and whitewashing done, and had bought new shades for the Managers' room.

They had also bought copies of the "Pursey", and some quiet games for the amusement of the youngest children on Sunday. These are not used on other days, and have proved both useful and pleasant.

The committee had also given directions to Mr. Turnbull to erect a platform in the front yard of the asylum, on which the children might sit and see the procession of Sept. 17. This had been done, and the children had obtained a good view, and had behaved very well, and attracted much attention.

Mr. and Mrs. Leeson had paid Katie Krasinski the fifty dollars due her, and she went to Mrs. Fox's but only remained there a short time, as after visiting her father's family, she found things there much changed.



for the better, and therefore she went, with the approval of the committee, to live at home. She is now repentant, and the committee encouraged her in thinking that the blight upon her life need not be a permanent one, if she were careful to be right in future.

Mrs. De Rochemont had previously declined to take a girl to whom she must pay wages, and Maggie Lambert had been sent to her.

A note had been received from Mrs. Parsons, saying that Carrie Trane had arrived there, having left her mother, who, she said was a bad woman, and one with whom she could not live. Mrs. P. was about to send her back to the Asylum, and wrote to inquire if the institution still had authority over her. A reply was sent to Mrs. Parsons, saying that ~~the~~ Carrie was still under the charge of the Managers, and she was immediately sent to Boston, but as Miss Palmer did not think it best to take her in at the Asylum, she was boarded at the Young Women's Christian Association, where, in the intelligence office, connected with that society, Mrs. Lyman soon found her a home, with a Mrs. Latta, wife of the postmaster at West Newton.

Mrs. Sherman had invited Filly Johnson, and Alice Hanson to visit her, and the invitation had been accepted.

W. Harris of Danversville, having lost his wife, wished to return Annie Dennis, he being able to find no plan, by which she should be under a woman's charge. It was accordingly

Resolved That the request of W. Harris be granted.

Mrs. McTear applied again for her daughter, and promised to take her to the Brethren, if she was given up to her. She had been here with a doctor and a lawyer, and had come repeatedly. It was

Resolved That Filly McTear be given up to her mother, on condition only, that she be taken to the Brethren.



Mrs. Adams applied for her daughter Caroline. The mother is in service with Mrs. White who keeps a genteel boarding house at 55 East Chester Park. Mrs. White came with Mrs. Adams and said she wished to take Caroline into her employ, to tend the room, and perform other small and light duties. Miss Storer knew that Mrs. White and her family were her father's patients, and that he had always spoken of them in the highest terms, as industrious, and hardworking. It was  
Noted that the request of Mrs. Adams be granted.

Mr. William A. Snow applied for his children, Ella, and Laura. He has no wife, but his aunt, Mrs. Denn, who lived next door, would have in oversight of the children. He lives in Brockton, has employment in a shoe factory there, and brought good recommendations from his employer, and from the foreman of the shop. Miss Paine visited them at Brockton. She thought the aunt a good enough woman, though untidy, but was pleased with the father. As it appeared that he was capable of supporting them, it was  
Noted that Ella and Laura Snow be returned to their father.

Mrs. Hanson applied for her daughter Alice. She declined giving references, and some of the managers had heard of her as a very bad woman. As the notes were not signed, we had really no claim upon the child, but it was  
Noted that Mrs. Hanson's request be refused, unless she pays the board of her child, at \$2.00 per week, for the time she has been in the Asylum, now more than a year.

Mrs. Godwin received an anonymous letter in an enclosure from Mrs. Brettitt our former matron to whom it had been sent. This letter accused Mrs. Benton of South Frammingham, of ill treating Mary Triffitts, who is bound to her, and gave the names of several of Mrs. Benton's neighbors, who would



testifies to the abuse. Miss Paine went to South-  
Birmingham and saw Mrs. Denton, but could not  
on his first visit see the neighbors. She liked  
Mrs. Denton's appearance pretty well, and the evi-  
dence of the neighbors went amounted only to the  
fact that she had been heard crying, and the  
sound of a whipping. Miss Paine met Mrs. Dent-  
on on her way to the station. She thought Mary  
had a good home. Mary herself says she is happy,  
and has a good time. Miss Paine don't think it is  
one of the best places, but not a bad one. It was

Toted

That Mary Griffiths remain with Mrs. Denton.

Miss Paine had visited Emma Denton, and  
found her doing well.

Miss Brown had received a letter from  
Mrs. Peice, speaking of Minnie Boden's improvement,  
and expressing a belief that she would eventually  
be cured of her bad habit.

Miss Paine had received a letter from a  
Ladies' charitable society in Washington, expressing  
an interest in Mary Trout, and saying they would  
stand by her at her trial.

The cook was complained of, as violent in  
temper, but Miss Palmer thinks her better than any  
she has had since she has been here, so thinks she  
had better remain.

A letter had been received from Mr. Car-  
penter, desiring that the children, if possible, should  
come to the new Sunday School. It was

Toted

That the Secretary write to Mr. Carpenter,  
and tell him that the children could not come at  
noon.

Miss Paine had a letter from Ida Harvey, in  
which she said that Mr. De Roche-mont had not yet  
paid her the money due her. It was therefore

Toted

That a letter be written to Mr. De Roche-mont  
by the Secretary, in behalf of the managers, asking him  
to pay the debt.

Edmunds H. L. Brown, Sec. pro tem.



October  
1860

The Managers held their monthly meeting on  
Tuesday, Oct. 26.

The First and Second Directresses, Treasurer,  
Secretary and Six Managers were present.

Toted

That all bills be paid.

Toted

That Mrs. Ware and Mrs. Clarke be the Committee  
for the next month.

The Committee reported that Ruth McGuire  
and Caroline Adams had gone to their respective  
mothers, and Ella and Laura Snow to their father.  
Mabel Coper and Volenia McMulay had been taken  
from their boarding places into the Asylum. Mr. and  
Mrs. Edmund Spraff had made application to take  
their niece Florence Safford. Their home was in Australia  
and they must sail before the meeting. Their  
recommendations were good and they were well  
able to support Florence. The Committee after consulting  
with the First Directresses had allowed Florence to  
go under Indenture. This act was approved by  
the Board.

Mrs. Edwards a Chiropedist - living in Boston, had  
applied for her niece Annie Salmon. She said that  
she had always proposed to take Annie, but had  
not supposed her till now old enough to leave the  
Asylum. She could offer her a comfortable home  
and promised to send her to school. Mrs. Edwards  
brought good recommendations and the only obstacle  
was that Annie had already gone to live with  
Mrs. Weston. Mrs. Weston however appreciated  
the Aunt's claim and was willing to relinquish  
Annie and take another girl in her stead. She had  
chosen Annie Dennis, who had returned to the  
Asylum and had done very well since her return.

It was accordingly

Toted

That Annie Dennis be bound to Mr. and Mrs.  
Weston & that Annie Salmon be bound to  
Mr. and Mrs. Edwards.



Oct. 1882

An application had been received for the admission of a child from the North End named Eva Kennedy, whose mother earned only \$3.50 a week, not a sufficient sum for the support of her three children. The matter was referred to the Committee for the next month. Mrs. Bradley of the Heath St. Mission had applied for the admission of three children named Fox. The father was in poor health and the mother sentenced to the Island for drinking. Since the application was first made the mother had returned to her home and the children would remain with her for the present, but the application would probably be repeated in case of her removal a second time.

It was accordingly  
Voted That in case of another application these children be admitted.

Some difficulty had occurred about the insufficient amount of schooling received by the girls employed in the kitchen. This matter was referred to the Committee of the next month.

The children had at present neither church nor Sunday School on Sunday afternoons and it was doubtful whether Mr. Carpenter would be able this winter to resume his afternoon instructions to them. They had been in the afternoon lately to Warren St. Chapel, but the Managers did not wish this arrangement to continue. The Committee for the month were requested to make if possible some suitable provision for the Sunday afternoon.

Miss Howland reported only two punishments for the month, neither of which was thought by the Managers to have been too severe.

Lidore Gordon had been invited by Lydia with Miss Palmer's consent to make a visit at the Asylum; the visit had now lasted nearly a month. It was

Voted That Mrs. Gordon speak with Lydia about the length of this visit. It was also

Voted That in future no visitor shall be expected to stay at the Asylum for more than one night.



Oct. 1885

The furnace needed repairs and was referred to the Committee on repairs.

Good reports had been received of Alice Butler, Mary Ann Neale and Emma Bartlett.

was Voted Mrs. Krazinski applied for her daughter Emma, but it was Voted That Emma remain in the Asylum for the present.

Some of the Managers thought that light gymnastic exercises would be a benefit to the children & the Subject- was referred to the Committee for the next month.

Miss Brown was willing to act as guardian to Annie Dennis.

In view of a probable opportunity to sell the property at the North End left to the Asylum by the late Isaac F. Rowe the following vote was passed.

Voted That the First Directress, Mrs. Lucy N. Goodwin, be hereby authorized, to sell and convey and execute and acknowledge proper deeds of conveyance in the name of this Corporation, of any and all the real estate in the City of Boston and all the share and right of this Corporation therein, devised to this Corporation by Isaac F. Rowe, and also to sell and assign the mortgage and note thereby secured given to this Corporation and to the Home for Aged Women by Patrick Hession, and that such deeds be countersigned and the Seal of this Corporation thereto affixed by the Secretary, Miss Mary Anne Wales.

The Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

Treasurer's Report - October 23, 1885.

Cash on hand October 23, 1879

2817.47

Received Income

Interest Mass. Hospital Life Insurance Co. 1600.-

Appleton Fund 40.-

Dividends on Bank Stock 3144.50

Taxes on Bank Shares refunded by the State 734.76



Oct. 1880

Dividends on Railroad Stock	2263.-
Interest on Railroad Bonds	3063.-
Dividends Lawrence Gas Co.	1700.-
Interest on U. S. Bond	60.-
Interest on deposit in Suffolk Savings Bank	523.42
Dividends Colcheco Co.	45.-
Rents & Interest on Mortgage from Rowe Estate	145.80
Subscriptions	133.-
Sale Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe Rights	136.30
Stock Dividend 26 <sup>2</sup> / <sub>10</sub> Shares Chicago	
Burlington & Quincy R. R.	
Total Income	13,390.78

Received Principal

Sale of \$3000 - Cincinnati & Indiana R. R. Bonds  
less \$12.50 Commission

4987.50  
21,393.75

### Expenses Chargeable to Income

Provisions	4217.-
Salaries & Wages	3614.57
Clothing	389.82
Furniture	133.37
Repairs	992.39
Incidental Expenses	32.48
Fuel	617.88
Orders to the Matron for the use of the Asylum	100.-
Board of Children	428.23
Rises	46.-

11,741.94



# Payments on account of Principal

11/7/74

Oct. 1860 Paid for 1<sup>3</sup>/<sub>5</sub> Share Chicag. Burlington & Quincy R.R. 198.-  
 Interest & Commission on above 48  
 " 60 Shares Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe R.R. 710-  
 " Commission on above 152  
 " 6 Shares new stock Atchison Topeka &  
 Santa Fe R.R. at-par less .38 interest- 599.62

Cash deposited in the Boston National Bank

7983.10

1,640.91

21,395.75

## Stock Account—

Mass. Hospital Life Insurance Co	40,000.-
" " Appleton Fund	1,000.-
Bank Stock	50,200.-
170 Shares Lawrence Gas Co.	17,000.-
1 Share Cocheco Co.	500.-
26 Shares Boston & Albany R.R.	26,000.-
160 " Chicag. Burlington & Quincy R.R.	16,000.-
100 " Philadelphia Wilmington & Baltimore R.R.	3,000.-
106 " Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe R.R.	10,600.-
7 " Fitchburg R.R.	700.-
1 " Boston & Lowell R.R.	440.-
U.S. Bond of 1881	1,000.-
Connecticut & Passumpic Rivers R.R. Bond	1,000.-
Chicag. Burlington & Quincy " "	7,000.-
Burlington & Missouri R.R. Bonds Loring Fund	7,000.-
Burlington & Missouri in Nebraska R.R. Bonds	6,000.-
Illinois Grand Trunk R.R. Bond	1,000.-
Boston & Albany " "	7,000.-
Philadelphia Wilmington & Baltimore R.R. Bonds	6,000.-
Fitchburg R.R. Bonds	8,000.-
Deposit in Suffolk Savings Bank	12,963.67
" " Provident Institution for Savings	<u>6,176.71</u>
	<u>207,180.38</u>

The \$4000—Second Mortgage Bonds of the Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe R.R. were converted April 1<sup>st</sup> into 40 Shares of stock in the same Railroad.

Errors Excepted — Sarah C. Paine  
 Treasurer Boston Female Asylum



Oct. 1886 Mrs. Tracy & Mrs. Bullard were appointed a Committee to examine the Treasurer's Books.  
Adjourned - Mary Anne Wales, Sec<sup>y</sup>

Nov. 1886 The Managers held their monthly meeting on Tuesday Nov. 30. The First and Second Directresses, Treasurer, <sup>Secretary</sup> and Eleven Managers were present.

Voted That all bills be paid.

Voted That Miss Brown and Miss Phillips be the Committee for the next month.

The Committee reported that the Fox Children could not be admitted as the family had disappeared. Mrs. Clark made application for her daughter Minnie, who would be taken to live with a friend Mrs. Fuller in Jamaica Plain. Mrs. Clark was an excellent woman, now a nurse in the Mass. Gen. Hospital. It was therefore  
Voted That Mrs. Clark's request be granted and that Minnie be bound to Mr. and Mrs. Leonard C. Fuller.

Lily Byers had developed some form of hip disease and at Dr. Cutter's suggestion admission had been obtained for her at Miss Robbins's Hospital, where she could be under the care of Dr. Bradford. Dr. Bradford thought that one month's treatment might be sufficient and might save Lily from being a cripple for life.

It had been found impossible for the children to attend any longer Hollis St. Sunday School, as the session was now at twelve o'clock. Mrs. Clarke had ascertained that Mr. Hale would very gladly receive the children back into his Sunday School and that the Standing Committee of the South Congregational Society were willing to furnish them with seats. This announcement was received with much pleasure by the Managers and it was

Voted That the Secretary send to Mr. Hale their hearty thanks both personally and to the Standing Committee of the South Congregational Society for their kindness.

Voted That a note of thanks be written to Rev. Mr. Carpenter for his attention to the children while they were under his pastoral care.



Nov. 1880

It was proposed to have a Christmas Festival at the Asylum for all the Children & the Treasurer stated that there was money, which had been given for use on special occasions, laid aside. It was thought this money might be appropriately used for the plan proposed and it was therefore

Voted

That the Christmas Festival be held and that the Committee for the month spend whatever amount - they may find necessary.

Some beginning of light gymnastics had been made by Miss Howland. an arrangement had also been made by which the girls who worked in the Kitchen could study in the afternoon instead of sewing at that time. There had been but one punishment - during the month. The Cook had been sick and absent for a week; during that time extra work had been done by Matilda and it was

Voted

That one week's extra pay be given to Matilda on this account.

Mr. Joseph H. Curtis had come to the Asylum to state that Miss Ann P. Johnson of Jamaica Plain had left her property valued at \$3000. - to the Asylum. Mr. Curtis had been left executor of the estate but was unwilling to serve. It was

Voted

To request the Court to appoint the Treasurer, Miss S. C. Paine, administrator of this estate.

Miss Sherman had been called home by the illness of her mother and could not tell how long she might be obliged to stay.

Voted

That Miss Sherman's place be kept open for her, at least for the present; and that if necessary some temporary help from outside be hired.

Mrs Clarke reported that on account of Polina McCaulay's habits some different sleeping arrangement for her would be very desirable. She also suggested that Miss Wilson's children be allowed the use of the play room in the afternoon at such times as the Hospital room which



Nov. 1880 they usually occupied was in use for sickness.

Mrs. Curtis gave a very good account of Caroline Warren, now living with Mrs. Latta in Newton. Mrs. Curtis thought Mrs. Latta an admirable woman. When Caroline went to Newton she was very destitute of clothes and it was  
Voted That ~~fifteen~~ <sup>ten</sup> dollars be sent to Mrs. Latta from the Asylum in consideration of what she had found it necessary to supply.

Mary Griffiths had written asking to be removed to another place. Miss Ellis and Miss Paine had been to Framingham and found that Mrs. Benton would be glad to give her up; the dissatisfaction was evidently mutual.

It was therefore decided to find another place for Mary Griffiths as soon as possible.

Mrs. Tracy reported that the Treasurers' books had been found correct.

Adjourned.

Mary Anne Hales, Sec'y.

Dec. 1880 The Managers met for their monthly meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 28.

The First and Second Directors, Treasurer, Secretary and Eleven Managers were present.

Voted That all bills be paid.

Voted That Mrs. Curtis and Mrs. Ballard be the Committee for the next month.

One application had been made for the admission of a child by a woman who had been deserted by her husband. The woman herself would go out to service if some provision could be made for her children. This case was left to the Committee for the month with power to admit the little girl.

Applications were made by Mrs. Little & Mrs. Thompson of So. Framingham to adopt Edith Wells and Mary Bodwin. They both desired to have the children on a trial first before definitely making up their minds. There seemed little doubt that



Dec. 1880  
Voted

that the homes offered would be excellent - ones & it was  
that the two children go on trial as proposed.

Miss Ellis reported that Mary Griffiths had been  
sent to a good place in Brookline but she did not  
give satisfaction and it would be necessary to  
remove her to another place. The matter was left  
in Miss Ellis' hands to find Mary a situation or a  
boarding place as should be most convenient.

Annie Dennis was not doing well with Mrs. Weston,  
and complaints of Annie Matthews were also made  
by Mrs. Abel Crombie.

Miss Sherman had returned after an absence of ten  
days. The Committee had heard during the month of  
the death of Selena Edwards. Miss Howland had  
found four punishments - necessary during the month;  
three were mostly for disobedience, and the children  
had been sent to bed. The Committee had ~~been~~ thought  
the sewing and arithmetic - particularly good.

A beautiful Christmas Tree had been provided  
for the children on Christmas Eve and the occasion  
had been one of great - enjoyment. - The cost of  
the whole, including ice cream and presents had been  
\$2.54. The children were now invited to Mr. Hale's  
Sunday School Christmas Festival and the Managers  
thought it best for them to go. Various presents had  
been sent to the children; among others five barrels of  
apples by Mrs. Arthur Blake, one barrel by Mrs. G. H.

Voted

Lodge and a large package of Colored Lithographs by  
the Forbes Lithographic Manufacturing Co. It was  
that these three gifts be acknowledged by the Secretary.  
Miss Howland wished to take one week of her vacation  
immediately.

Voted

That her request be granted.

Mrs. Curtis reported that Mrs. Latta was very  
much interested in Caroline Hallen and thought her  
capable of great improvement. Caroline seemed at present  
to have very little strength for work and Mrs. Latta



was very anxious she should have a year's schooling at a Seminary in the neighborhood. She had even raised money among her friends for this purpose. Caroline could not however pass the required examinations this year and Mrs. Latta desired to have her board with her at \$3.00 a week until she could be prepared. Mrs. Curtis was willing to pay one dollar a week towards carrying out this plan if it should be approved by the Managers. It was

Voted

That - two dollars a week be paid by the Asylum towards Caroline's board with Mrs. Latta as long as Mrs. Curtis shall think it desirable.

Adjourned.

Mary Anne Hales, Sec<sup>y</sup>.

List of Girls who Completed their apprenticeships  
in the year 1880 -

Katharine Kralinski With her father

Sarah Alcott - Stayed in her place through her apprenticeship -

Alberta H. Williams - Adopted - not heard from



January  
1884

The Managers met on Tuesday, January 25.  
Present the First and Second  
Directresses, Treasurer, Secretary, and Eleven  
Managers.

Voted  
Voted

That all bills be paid.  
That Mrs. Tracy and Mrs. Hale be the Committee  
for the next month.

An application had been received <sup>to admit</sup> for a  
little girl named Pierce, who had been brought  
to the Asylum by Mr. Crosby of the Children's  
Mission. The child had been neglected in the  
Brookfield almshouse, was afterwards adopted  
by people, who now objected to keeping her  
because her eyes were crossed and could not  
be cured. The child was reported good and  
intelligent and it was possible that another  
family might adopt her.

Voted

That this child be admitted into the Asylum  
if another application be made.

The ladies who took Edith Wells and  
Mary Bowdoin had written expressing themselves  
well pleased with the children, but wishing more  
information about their parents.

Voted

That their inquiries be answered and in case  
of their still wishing to adopt the children

Voted

that the proper adoption papers be made out. Also  
That the First and Second Directresses or some other  
two Managers be authorized to sign these papers re-  
linquishing the right of the Asylum to these children.

An application to adopt Edith Gibson had been  
received from Mr. Mrs. Sillon of East Boston. The  
Committee had visited the house of Mr. Mrs. Sillon  
and were favorably impressed in some respects; on  
the whole however they could not recommend the  
place as a desirable one. It was accordingly

Voted

That this request be refused.



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Voted

Mrs. Curtis proposed that a Register with an alphabetical index be kept at the Asylum so that full and exact information regarding every child admitted may be at hand when wanted during the month. This plan was approved by the Board and it was  
To request Mrs. Curtis to purchase a book suitable for this purpose.

Mrs. Bourne had married again; her husband, whose name was Ford, had been sixteen years in the employ of the Boston and Providence Rail Road. There were some doubts as to the character of this woman who was again very anxious to take her daughter home and the matter was left to the Committee for the next month for investigation.

Voted

Mrs. Lindsey wished to take her daughter Maffie whom she thought herself now able to support. As Mrs. Lindsey was known to be a respectable, hard-working woman it was  
That her request be granted.

Lily Byers was still in Miss Robbins's Hospital. She was well enough to leave but as she had been exposed to measles it was thought best for her to remain for the present.

Voted

Miss Sherman had received news of the death of her mother and had been away a week on that account. Miss Palmer wished to take the remainder of her vacation the last of February as she had an invitation to go to Washington at that time.  
That her request be granted.

The list of School punishments for the month was read. It seemed quite a long one and Mrs. Gordon thought some plan of rewards to the children might be devised which would stimulate them to improve. This matter was left for the Committee of the month to arrange after consulting Miss Palmer and Howland.

Miss Paine reported that Mary Ann Kent had come to Boston under charge of a missionary who had been sent on to meet her the trial for which she



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had been retained as witness having come to an end. Part of the money which she had received as a witness had been used for the necessary expenses of the journey. The girl was now in the Refuge on Rutland St. where they would keep her for some time, expecting the Asylum to pay for her ~~board~~ clothes.

Miss Paine also reported that Maria Noyes was very ill; that Mrs. Savenport was willing to take care of her provided the Dr's. bill could be paid as well as the wages of the person hired to do Maria's work. It was accordingly

Voted

That these expenses be paid.  
The Treasurer reported the receipt of \$2.00 - a gift to the Asylum from the late Miss Jane Welles.

Adjourned -

Mary Anne Hales, Secy

February  
1881

The Managers met on Tuesday, February 22. Present, First & Second Directresses, Treasurer, Secretary, and Eleven Managers.

Voted

That all bills be paid.

Voted

That Mrs. Tracy and Miss Brown be the Committee for the next month.

The Committee reported that Lily Byers had now returned from the Hospital. That the child for whose admission Mr. Crosby had applied was detained in the Children's Mission by measles.

Mr. Angus Martin applied for the admission of his four little girls, whose mother had lately died. His earnings as a plasterer were not large and he could not afford either to pay for their board, or to hire a proper person to take care of them. He was very anxious that the sisters should not be separated.

Voted

The case seemed a pressing one and it was  
That Laurie Harriet, Annie Fox, Charlotte Sophona



Feb. 1881 and Margaret Mary Alex Martin be admitted.

Application was made for the admission of a little girl six years old named Margaret Mitchell. The mother had no husband and had lately come from Scotland. She was at service at low wages and appeared not very strong. As it seemed possible that she might earn higher wages and support herself and her child the matter was left for the Committee of the next month to decide.

Mrs. Myers, a woman who had been deserted by her husband, had applied for the admission of her two little girls. She was about two confined and the case had seemed so pressing that the Committee had with the approval of the First Directress admitted the children. One was in the Asylum, the other not yet three years old was at board.

Voted That the act of the Committee in admitting Grace Ella and Mabel Frances Myers is approved by the Board.

Application was also made for the admission of Helen Gibson, the younger sister of the two children already in the Asylum.

Voted That the request be granted.

Mrs. Bourne's references not having proved satisfactory it was Voted That her request to take her daughter Amy be refused.

A list of School punishments was read, also the number of children deserving reward cards. Some of the children had been very naughty the early part of the month, but had improved very much since.

Voted Matilda having applied for higher wages it was Voted that half a dollar a week be added to her wages and to Louisa's also.

Miss Paine reported that a place had been found for Ellen Trant with Mrs. Sharon of N. Woodstock N.H. Three applications to take girls were refused, the supply of older girls not being large.

Margaret Lindsay had been taken by her mother. Miss Palmer complained of the bad conduct of Emma



Feb. 1881 Krassinsky and Amy Bourne.

Miss Brown reported that Almira Bowdoin was now very well in health and much improved in other respects. Her year with Miss Pierce was nearly at an end. Miss Pierce would be willing to keep her for \$3.50 a week, but not for less.

Toted That Almira Bowdoin remain on these terms for the present.

Miss Ellis reported that a place in Portsmouth, N.H. had been found for Mary Griffiths, and a very good report from her was read.

The Treasurer reported that the fifty dollars due to Mary La Harvey for service during her apprenticeship had remained for some years unpaid by Mr. L. H. de Rochemont. It was accordingly

Toted That unless immediate payment be made the matter be put into a lawyer's hands.

Adjourned - Mary Anne Males, Secy

March 1881 The Managers of the Academy held their monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 29.

The First and Second Directresses, Treasurer, Secretary and Seven Managers were present.

Toted That all bills be paid -

Toted That Miss Ellis and Mrs. Curtis be the Committee for the next month.

In the great regret of the Managers a note of resignation was read from Mrs. Sears resigning her place on the Board.

Toted That Mrs. Sears be asked to withhold her resignation at least till autumn, with the understanding that her visiting months shall be filled by other Managers.

The Ladies were also very sorry to hear from Mrs. Curtis that after the next month's service she could not continue to fill her place.



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as Manager. This resignation was respectfully accepted.

The Committee reported that Mr. Martin had brought only his two older children to the Asylum, having made some other arrangement for the younger ones. Mrs. Fanny Smith, a very respectable woman, wished admittance for the three children of a niece who had lately died in Nova Scotia. The children were still in Nova Scotia, although their father had come to Boston in search of work. Voted That this application must be refused. Application had been made for the admission of a little girl named Lucy Woods. The mother was dead and the father had deserted his family; an older sister had worked in a shop, but was now in consumption and would probably be taken into the consumptives' home. The little girl was temporarily cared for at the Children's Mission. It was

Voted

That if another application for the admission of Lucy Woods be made she be received.

There had been one mild case of diphtheria early in the month and since then several cases of measles and chicken pox.

Mrs. Blazo had at last taken her daughter Ellen. Emma Kravinsky, Sarah Martin and Fanny Chapman had all been exceedingly troublesome during the month. Emma was thought to be the ring leader and Miss Brown recommended that she should be removed from the Asylum. It seemed on the whole best that she should be sent to her family. There was also some talk of sending Sarah Martin to her mother. The three children came before the Managers and received a reprimand from the First Directress; they seemed penitent and it was decided to give them a little further trial.

Matilda had given notice that she wished to leave; she would stay however till her place could be filled.

The Laundress wished an advance in her wages and it was Voted That her wages be raised from \$4.00 to \$4.50 a week.



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The Committee had found the School lessons satisfactory.

Mr. Lyman reported that Margaret Mitchell <sup>could</sup> be taken for a year into the Church Home; this arrangement had seemed better than taking her into the Asylum, as it threw more responsibility for her support on her mother.

The Treasurer reported that a letter had been written to Mr. de Rochemont and that twenty of the forty dollars due to Mary Ida Harvey had been paid.

Voiced

At the Treasurer's request it was  
That the Treasurer, Sarah C. Paine, be authorized to sell the shares of the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore R.R. belonging to the Boston Female Asylum, and to execute the transfer of the same in the name of the Asylum.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Mrs. Anne Hales, Sec<sup>y</sup>

April 1881

The monthly meeting was held on Tuesday April 26. The First and Second Directresses, Treasurer, Secretaries and Twelve Managers were present.

Voiced

That all bills be paid.

Voiced

That Mrs. Sears and Mrs. Ballard be the Committee for the next month.

The Committee reported that no outside person had been needed to fill Matilda's place. Emma Kravinski had been taken out of School and did very well in the house. Fanny Chapman also had been kept more out of School and ~~did~~ behaved much better. Sarah Martin had also improved. Lucy Woods had not been brought to the Asylum. Emma Pierce had come, but Dr. Loman Cutler thought it doubtful whether she ought to remain on account of her physical infirmities; she would therefore remain on trial for the present, on the understanding that the



April 1881 Children's Mission should receive her again, if she should not prove a suitable subject for the Asylum.

Application had been made for the admission of two little girls named Haxlitt. Their mother was dead and their father in the Consumptives' Home. They were in the care of aunts who could not afford to support them.

Voted

That these two children be admitted.

Gilbert Haynes, whose wife had deserted him, applied for the admission of his little girl. The case was not thought to be a suitable one and it was

Voted

To refuse the request and to recommend Mr. Haynes to apply at the Dorchester Industrial School.

Grace Johnston had come into the Asylum from Mrs. Muddag's and Mabel Myers had taken her place.

The Committee thought that Mary Curtis would do much better at a place.

Application for a girl was made by Mrs. Caldwell of Newton. The matter was at first left to the Committee with full powers, but it was afterwards decided to refuse the request.

The number of punishments had much diminished, only three having been given during the month.

There were now three candidates for prizes. Voted That the selection of these prizes be made by the Committee for the next month.

Voted

That the hour for beginning the afternoon School shall be 1.45 instead of 1.30, in order that the children may have more chance for air and exercise between the sessions.

The Committee reported a decided want of harmony between Miss Palmer and Miss Howland.

Voted

That Mrs. Bullard and Mrs. Tracy be appointed a Committee to examine the Treasurer's books.

Adjourned -

Mary Anne Hales, Secy



May 1881

The Managers held their monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 31.

The First- and Second Directresses, Secretary and Ten Managers were present.

Voted That all bills be paid

Voted That - Mrs. Robbins and Miss Ellis be the Committee for the next month.

The Committee reported that Mrs. Carney had married again and wished to take her daughter Ellen. Her husband was a Cabinet-maker in good work and the references of both were good. It was therefore

Voted That - Ellen Carney be given up to her mother and stepfather, Mr. and Mrs. Riley.

The Mother of Margaret- and Martha Collum had remarried and applied for her children. Her husband Mr. Durgin had good references and was said to be well able to support his wife's children. It was

Voted That Mrs. Durgin's request be granted.

Mrs. Wade of Rockland, Mass. wished to take her niece Mary Curtis. This matter was referred to the Committee of the month with full power to give up Mary Curtis to her aunt in case the references are satisfactory.

Application was made for the admission of Lotty Novenden, a child about nine years old, without parents or near relations. The person who now had charge of her could keep her no longer.

Voted That this child be admitted.

Mr. Hall's Church being now closed in the afternoon the question arose as to some suitable occupation for the children on Sunday afternoons. Miss Brown very kindly offered to come to the Asylum on Sunday afternoons in July and August - and the making of some suitable arrangement for June was left to the Committee of the month.

The report of Emma Brusinski was not read and it was

Voted That her father be informed that he must remove her from the Asylum.



May 1887

Five punishments were reported during the month. There were three Candidates for prizes.

Mrs. Sears had received from Mrs. Turnbull an account of Sophia Barker so bad that the Managers felt that the girl ought no longer to remain in her place, but should be sent to Lancaster. The matter was left in the hands of Mrs. Sears.

Miss Paine reported that Maria Noyes had been sick and it had been necessary to send her to the Mass. Gen. Hospital for treatment. She had now returned to Mrs. Savenports, but Mrs. Savenport did not think she could keep her in case of a return of the illness.

A request had been received from the Associated Charities that a petition should be signed by the First Directress of the Asylum to the Police Commissioners of Boston for the better enforcement of the laws regulating the selling of liquor.

Voted That the First Directress be empowered to sign this petition.

The First Directress had received from Miss Palmer a letter resigning her place as Matron.

Voted That this resignation be accepted, and that a Committee be appointed to find a new Matron.

Voted That the First and Second Directresses with Miss Marianne Paine be this Committee.

Adjourned -

Mary Anne Wales, Secy.

June 1887

At a Special meeting of the Boston Female Asylum held on Wednesday June 13 there were present the First and Second Directresses and Six Managers.

A Communication was read from Miss Palmer asking that her resignation might be reconsidered and saying that she would like to remain as Matron another year on trial.

Voted After full discussion it was unanimously That Miss Palmer be asked to remain on



June 1881 year on trial and that Mrs. Goodwin be asked to explain what wherein the Managers expect things to be different.

Gertrude S. Ellis, Secy. Pro. Tem.

June 1881 The Managers held their monthly meeting on Tuesday June 28.

The First and Second Directresses, Treasurer, Secretary and Six Managers were present.

Voted That all Bills be paid.

Voted That Mrs. Lyman and Miss Paine be the Committee for the next month.

The Committee reported that Mary Curtis had gone to her Aunt Mrs. Wade of whom a good account had been received. The little girl named Pierce for whom admission had first been requested by the Children's Mission last January had at last been brought to the Asylum. She was troubled with a humor which seemed likely to spread a little among the other children.

Mrs. Cunningham and Mrs. Constantine Sisters both applied to take their children, one eleven the other ten years old. Mrs. Cunningham brought a recommendation from Miss Matilda Goddard and it was

Voted That her request be granted.

Mrs. Constantine brought no recommendation and her request was referred to the Committee for the month with full powers. The Sisters were keeping a boarding house in Kneland St. together.

Application for the admission of a child came from Dr. C. J. Bean of Chelsea. She was the youngest of three children, who with their parents' death had been much neglected and had finally been taken in charge by the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. Dr. Bean had been legally appointed her guardian and she had lived in his family. Her life was in delicate health.



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Voted

the little girl, whom one record made to be ten, another nine years old, was somewhat troublesome, and he did not wish to keep her. Some of the Managers feared the influence of a girl as old as this who had been found troublesome and it was

I refuse the application.  
Another application was received from Mr. Geo. J. Crockett of Mansfield, Mass. to take the youngest of his three children, not yet two years old and now under the care of the Mass. Infant Asylum. The two older children were under the care of their grandmother to whom the father paid their board. He could not afford to pay any board for the third child, who would be two years old next September. Letters had been written to the grandmother and to Miss Clapp, but no answers had yet been received. The matter was left to the Committee of the month with full power to promise the admission of the child in September, if they shall think best. The children had one three Sunday afternoons to Mr. Ellis's Church and were invited for the next three weeks to Mr. Hinckley's.

Mrs. Gregg applied for increase of wages but it was voted that her request be refused. Miss Howland wished to take five weeks continuous leave in the summer for her vacation.

Voted

that this request be refused.

It was thought that during the different summer vacations it might be necessary to secure the service of one extra person possibly even of two. This matter was left to the Committee of the month.

Voted

At Miss Palmer's request it was <sup>asked</sup> ~~requested~~ Mrs. Goodwin to speak to some of the girls who had been giving trouble in the house.

An invitation from Mrs. Helen Lamson to Maria Barker to spend some time in vacation was received and accepted.

Four punishments for the month were reported.



June 1881

Miss Ellis reported that Mary Griffiths had been obliged to leave her place and had come to New Bedford to live with Mrs. Paine, who was recommended as a very good woman, though a Spiritualist.

Miss Ellis had received an application for a girl to live in a farmer's family in Middleboro.

The place seemed promising and Miss Ellis was requested to write the people and see if they would like to take Nelly Avery. Miss Ellis was to report to the Committee, who were empowered to act as they should think best.

The Treasurer reported \$900.00 to invest.

Voted That this money be invested as Mr. Paine shall think best.

Voted That Mrs. Arthur S. Lyman be requested to take the place left vacant by the resignation of Mrs. Curtis.

Ad. ordered

Mary Anne Hale, Secy

July 1881

The Managers held their monthly meeting on Tuesday, July 26.

The First and Second Directresses, Treasurer, Secretary and Four Managers were present.

Voted That all bills be paid.

Voted That <sup>Mrs. Lyman</sup> ~~Mrs. Robbins~~ and Miss Paine be the Committee for the next month.

The Committee reported that a girl named Maffie Grant had been engaged at the Young Women's Christian Association to assist in the House for two months at \$3.00 a week. She was liked very well. The Committee had decided to take Sarah Frances Crockett in September. Also to send Nelly Avery on trial to Mr. and Mrs. Macy in Middleboro, of both of whom good reports had been received.



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Mrs. Lyman was willing to be her guardian. They also thought it best that Harriet Constantine should go to her mother <sup>at</sup> after the end of the Summer vacation.

Miss Wakefield had been sick but was now better.

The mother of Volenia McCauley, who was insane when her child was admitted, had now recovered her health and applied to take the little girl. She appeared very well, but it seemed necessary to make particular investigations, as the father had been reported to be a worthless man. It was therefore

Voted

To leave this matter to the Committee of the month with full powers.

It seemed very desirable that Amy Bourne should go to a place, as her behaviour in the Asylum was not satisfactory.

An invitation for an excursion in the Empire State had been received; all in the house had gone and had enjoyed it very much. Mrs. Robbins had kindly provided the children with a treat of Strawberries and Mrs. Lyman with another of ice-cream. Mrs. Robbins offered to board several of the delicate children out of town for a while.

Voted

That Mrs. Robbins's kind proposal be accepted. The number of punishments for the month had been five.

Sophia Barker was still with Mrs. Turnbull who had undertaken to watch her closely.

The Managers were glad to hear from Miss Price that Mrs. Lyman had consented to become a member of the Board.

Adjourned

Mary Anne Wales Secy



August, 1881.

The monthly meeting of the Managers was held on Tuesday, Aug. 30.

The First and Second Directors, Treasurer and five Managers were present.

Voted That all bills be paid.

Voted That Mrs. Lyman and Mrs. Robbins be the committee for the month.

The committee had made inquiries concerning the father of Dolenia McQuay, and heard good accounts of him from the place where he worked. The committee had therefore given up the child to her parents.

The references of Mr. & Mrs. Hambolt, of Charlestown, the grandfather and grandmother of Sadie Martin, having proved satisfactory, Sadie had gone to her grandparents.

Grace Johnson had been very ill with dysentery, and the committee had taken the responsibility of sending her out to Mrs. Tolson's.

Voted That the action of the committee be confirmed, and that the child remain as long as the committee for September shall think best.

Mrs. De Rochemont had been about to return Maggie Lambert to the Asylum, on account of her sullen and intractable disposition, but as Maggie had repented, and promised amendment, Mrs. De Rochemont was to keep her for the present.

Mrs. Abercrombie had sent a very bad account of Annie Matthews, and Miss Storer went to see her. She found that matters were in a very unsatisfactory state, and decided to take her away. She took her immediately to the Children's Mission, where a place had been found for her with Mrs. Haynes of Dorchester. A good account of Mrs. H. had been received from Miss Harriet Ware of Milton.

Manly Griffiths was returned by Mrs. Page as she said she never could make a dress-maker of her, but she found no fault with her character.



She was also taken to the Mission, where a place was found for her with Mrs. S. T. Harris of Marblehead. As both these girls had been at the Mission, the former for a fortnight, and the latter for two or three days, it was  
Toted That \$10.00 be sent to the Children's Mission as a donation.

Mr. Davenport had come bringing back Mary Hayes, and saying that the servants of his neighbors had put <sup>such</sup> bad ideas into her head, that they could no longer keep her, she was so insubordinate. Miss Palmer had her taken at once to Mrs. Guehring's, and sent word to Miss Paine who took her to the training school of the Christian Association, where a place had been found for her, with Mrs. S. E. Chipman of Dorchester, on wages, Mary now being eighteen, according to our books. Miss Ayer of the Ch. Association will look after her, and find her another place, if she does not remain in this.

Mary Leach and Annie Cameron, had hung by their hands from one of the upper windows over-looking the garden, once dressed, and once in their night-gowns. Miss Palmer had not yet furnished them and it was

Toted That Mrs. Goodwin speak to these girls, and that they should be deprived of the pleasure of going on an excursion, which had been planned for tomorrow afternoon. &c.

It having been reported, that the practice of keeping the children after school interfered with the meals, and made them very disorderly, it was

Toted That Mrs. Goodwin inform the teacher that the good order of the household must no longer be interrupted by keeping the children in the school room at meal-times. Also

Toted That Mrs. Goodwin consult with the matron as to the propriety of appointing a monitor of the yard



to report children who made communications with outside people over the fence.

The question of allowing the children to spend the night away from the Asylum, having arisen, it appeared that these matters had hitherto been left to the different committees, with different results, according to the advisability of each case, <sup>and</sup> it was thought best to have a decided rule. It was therefore  
Voted That it shall be a standing rule that the children shall not leave the house to spend the night with their relatives.

September  
1881

The Annual Meeting of the Asylum was held on Tuesday, September 27.

The Services were conducted by Rev. Mrs. Hale who opened them with prayer and then baptized Emma Pierce and Charlotte Elizabeth Howenden. After the baptism the Children sang and the Report was read by the Secretary.

Report for the 81<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of the Boston Female Asylum.

In these days of general questioning when the usefulness of most things new and old, particularly the latter, is being weighed in the balance, it may be well for Charitable Institutions, especially for one so old as this, to show reason for their continuance. It is not enough to say that the Asylum was a benefit to the City of Boston in its early days; it must be shown to be as much or even more so now, and we think this can be done without making extravagant claims for it. True, many new Institutions have been organized, with many new methods, but the needs of the



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City are also greatly enlarged; the children to be cared for have multiplied, and there seems room for all the Societies to do their different work in the way which has been found by them to be most wise. It would certainly not be wise in an old Institution to fall into ruts, to be satisfied with its old methods and refuse to borrow light from its younger neighbors. We believe this charge cannot be brought against the Asylum. It is not perfect in its plans or in carrying them out; two or three smaller families might be an improvement on one large one; the children under our care are not all good either here or when they leave us; and we are painfully conscious that when we have done all that we have seen our way to do the result is often disappointing. Allowing all this, we still feel that a good work is being done. We do not think, as some would intimate, that it would be well to have the Asylum abolished and the children scattered in private homes through the community. This opinion seems to be held by many workers in these days, and doubtless the idea of every child holding, as is said, a natural position in a private family looks very pleasant. There are, however, many difficulties in the way. We know how hard it is to find places that we approve when the children are old enough to earn their board and lodging and have had some training in work; and we fail to see why the difficulty would not be largely increased when there would often be cases of young children, not strong enough for much work and with no habits of industry or order. The adoption of young children is a favorite idea, and many without doubt find in this way happy homes. But how many others are taken from a passing caprice, kept and petted for a time and then neglected when their faults make them trouble. Some, and show to their so-called parents that the



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Bringing up of a child is a serious business and not the pastime of an hour. It would be delightful to think of every child in a natural home, but with human nature no more faultless than it is the idea seems slightly utopian. In the case of the children placed here there is another serious objection. We do not wish to break up families, unless from poverty or wickedness it becomes a necessity to do so. A large proportion of our girls return to their parents or some other relation. A poor, discouraged woman brings one or more children here; the death or desertion of the husband makes it impossible for her to keep her family together, but she can support herself alone; as years go on her circumstances from one or another cause improve, the children are old enough to be a help instead of a burden, and the Asylum is glad to surrender them to their natural protectors.

With very few exceptions all the girls who have left us this year have been placed with real relations. Twenty two have gone away while only ten have been admitted since last September, so that the family is smaller now than it was then. It numbers at present sixty nine. We are not sorry when the numbers diminish. A family of seventy is more manageable than one of ninety, and a still smaller one would admit of more individual supervision and would be so far an advantage.

The records of the year furnish scarcely anything of interest to those not immediately concerned in the management of the Asylum. Changes of one and another sort are always occurring. A very pleasant novelty has been the return of the children to their old Church home in the S. Congregational Society, where they formerly received so much kindness from both pastor and people, as to make their coming back to it a joyful occasion; though we hope they were



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grateful, as the Managers certainly were, for the care bestowed upon them while they were members of Hollis St. parish.

The Treasurer has received a bequest of \$300. from the late Miss Ann V. Johnson of Jamaica Plain and another of \$200. from the late Miss Jane Welles, always a kind friend to the Asylum. The money is very welcome, though we are glad to say that the last year our expenses have been inside our income, and we enter on our new year with the prospect, so needful to the comfort of those who have an old-fashioned horror of running into debt - that our income is sufficient to meet all the calls likely to be made upon it.

For the Managers

Mary Anne Hales, Secy

After the report the children sang again and the First Directors distributed the prizes as follows:

To	Annie D. B. Leach as the Most-Deserving Girl	\$6.00
	Mary Jane Proctor for Usefulness	\$3.00
	Ida J. Swift for Improvement	\$3.00
	Emma E. Leach for Scholarship	\$3.00
	Grace A. Rhodes as Best-Little Girl	\$3.00
	Ida S. Brenton for Improvement	\$3.00
	Elizabeth E. Broad for Improvement	\$3.00
	Alice Whitman for Good Conduct	\$3.00
	Elizabeth Ewer for Good Conduct	\$3.00

The Distribution of Prizes was followed by Singing after which Mr. Hale spoke to the children, who then sang once more. Mr. Hale pronounced the benediction and invited Subscribers to meet in the Managers' Room to elect officers for the ensuing year.

The list elected by ballot was as follows.



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First-Directress -	Mrs. Elias Goodwin
Second Directress -	Mrs. Theodore Lyman
Treasurer -	Miss Sarah C. Paine
Secretary -	Miss Mary Anne Wales

### Managers

Mrs. Chas. E. Hale	Mrs. Chandler Robbins
Mrs. Fred. U. Tracy	Miss Harriet L. Brown
Mrs. Philip H. Sears	Miss Gertrude S. Ellis
Mrs. Otis Ballard	Mrs. Eliza C. Clarke
Miss Marianne Paine	Miss Annie D. Phillips
Miss Abby M. Storer	Mrs. Arthur J. Lyman

### Proceedings of the Managers

The First and Second Directresses, Treasurer, Secretary and nine Managers were present.

Voted That all bills be paid

Voted That Mrs. Clarke and Miss Ellis be the Committee for the next month.

Before beginning the business of the meeting Mrs. Goodwin read a note from Mrs. Hale resigning her place as Manager. This news was received by all with much regret and the hope was expressed that Mrs. Hale might be induced to reconsider her decision. On Mrs. Sears's motion it was

Voted That a note be written to Mrs. Hale by the First Directress endeavoring to persuade her to continue in her place.

The Committee reported that Harriet Constantine had gone their mother and aunt. Joanna the Cook had given notice that she wished to leave, although she had consented to remain till Anniversary Day.

Voted That this matter be left in charge of Mrs. Lyman. Mrs. Grey had been compelled to leave on account of sickness in her family and was a great loss. The place had not been permanently filled although there were



Sept. 1881 <sup>thirteen</sup> applicants for it. The most promising Candidate seemed the Mrs. Spear who was formerly at the Chardon St. Home. It was

Voted That it is desirable to give Mrs. Spear a trial. This matter also was left to Mrs. Lyman.

Arnie Dennis had been unexpectedly returned to the Asylum, had been taken to the Children's Mission and had now gone to a place in Springfield.

The Children's Mission had asked for the admission of a child named Lillian Goodwin; it was however doubtful whether the Mother would give the little girl up. In case the Mother should so decide it was

Voted That the Committee for the month should decide as they think best.

Mr. & Mrs. Littlefield of Somerville wished to take Amy Bourne but asked to have her on trial for a week before signing the indentures. Voted That this request be granted.

Mrs. Arnold had invited Fanny Chapman to visit her at Abington.

Grace Johnson had been brought into the Asylum. Mrs. Robbins wished two of the delicate children to stay awhile longer at Mrs. Folsom's. This proposal met the approval of the Managers.

Mr. and Mrs. Adams of Brattleboro, Vermont, applied to take a girl from the Asylum.

Voted That this matter be left to the Committee for the month.

Mrs. de Rochemont had decided that she could no longer keep Margaret Lambrecht and Miss Paine had arranged for her to go to the Children's Mission in the hope that she might get a place from there.

Two letters were read in regard to Caroline Warren, one from Mrs. Curtis & one from Mrs. Latta. Caroline had much improved under Mrs. Latta's influence and was now doing well at Northfield Academy. Fifty dollars were needed for her outfit and it was



Voted

To Supply this sum from the funds of the Asylum.

Miss Store had received a pleasant letter from Annie Matthews, who liked her new home very much.

Mrs. Sears reported that Sophia Barker had improved and Mrs. Turnbull thought she might be able to keep her.

Agnes Gagin had run away from Bridgewater and appeared at the Asylum; she had been sent to the Chardon St. Home.

Lily Rowen had come to the Anniversary meeting and appeared very well.

The punishments during the month had been five.

Some talk arose as to whether the Children were receiving as good a quality of instruction in School as they ought to have and a suggestion was made that they might, at least a part of them, attend the Public Schools, like the Children of the Church Home and the Children's Friend Society.

Voted

That Miss Marianne Paine and Miss Hales be appointed a Committee to collect information in regard to the working of the Public School attendance in these Institutions.

Adjourned -

Mary Anne Hales, Secy

October  
1881

The Managers held their monthly meeting on Tuesday  
Oct. 25.

The First and Second Directresses, Treasurer, Secretary, and Eight Managers were present.

Voted

That all bills be paid

Voted

That Mrs. Clarke and Miss Ellis be the Committee for the next month.

The Committee reported the number of Children in the Asylum to be sixty-eight. The new Cook, Mrs.



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Watson was much liked. Miss Wilson who had been engaged to take Miss Gregg's place was doing very well. Several children had returned from their boarding places in the Country. Eight children had been brought down ~~the~~ <sup>her</sup> School room from Abby Wilson's class, leaving fifteen under ~~the~~ <sup>her</sup> charge of the latter. There were only three children in the Asylum not in School.

Mr. & Mrs. Warren Samprey of Laconia who had invited Mary Barker to visit them for several Summers now wished to take her on Indenture.

Voted

That Mary Barker be bound to Mr. & Mrs. Warren Samprey.

Application for Sarah Whiten had been made by her father, but as he had come to the Asylum intoxicated it was Voted That his application be refused.

The little child named Crockett whom the Managers had agreed to take from the Infant-Asylum when she should be two years old had now reached that age and would be placed at board with Mrs. Folsom.

Her aunt was unwilling to have her in an Institution and wished to take her herself. Her application was refused because Mr. Crockett strongly objected on account of her very delicate health.

Application for a girl ten years old was made by Mr. & Mrs. Adams. Such an arrangement did not seem desirable and it was Voted That the application be refused.

Mrs. Harmon, a widow, applied for the admission of her daughter Jessie, eight years old. The child had been cared for by Mrs. Harmon's sister who was unable to keep her any longer and the mother could find no good boarding place for her, for the sum which she could afford to pay.

Voted

That this child be admitted.

John Hampstead, recommended as a steady man, whose wife had died and left him with six children, wished to put two little girls into the Asylum.

Voted

That Clara and Jessie Hampstead be admitted.

The father of Amy Bourne applied for his daughter; his request was refused.



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Arrangements for evening games for the older girls under the Superintendence of some of the older members of the household had been made.

Read It was thought that Mary Leach was kept too much in school and did too little housework and it was thought that the Committee for the next month make some alteration in this respect.

Miss Palmer wished to know whether there were any girls whom the Managers wished ~~to~~ to bind out, that she might know what answer to make to applications. This matter was left to the Committee of the month.

In consideration of the probable spread of Small pox in the City the re-vaccination of the children was spoken of and the Committee for the month were requested to consult Dr. Cullet on the subject.

Mr. Ruse's bill was thought too large and the Committee for the month were asked to make some more satisfactory arrangement with him about his charges.

Miss Store reported that Annie Matthews had been mischievous in her place and had now gone to another place on a farm in Stratham, N.H. The accounts from her and from her new mistress were both satisfactory. Mrs. Lyman had a good report of Ida Matthews and Miss Brown an equally good one of Annie Dennis. Margaret Lambrecht had been returned by Mrs. de Rochemont and had been placed by Miss Paine with her aunt.

Read Mrs. Gordon had received a note from Mrs. Ware saying that she must resign her place at the Board.

That the Secretary write to Mrs. Ware expressing the grateful sense which the Managers have of her long and faithful services and their deep regret that she finds it necessary to give up her connection with the Asylum.

The Committee who were appointed to collect information in regard to sending some of the children to the Public Schools reported that they had made inquiries at the Children's



Oct. 1881 Friend Society - and at the Church Home. The former Society had not been pleased with the result of their experiment and had withdrawn the children. The latter Society found it in every respect satisfactory. Miss Crocker, one of the Supervisors, had been visited and recommended the trying of the experiment with younger children in preference to older ones. The Committee had found that the Shawmut Avenue Primary School would be the nearest and most suitable for the children to attend; they had visited that School and had been much pleased with the teaching; the School was however too crowded to admit of the entrance of more Scholars at present. They had therefore made inquiries as to the chances of the children being sent and had learned from Mr. Reed, the member of the School Committee who had charge of the School, that Class rooms in the neighborhood had <sup>been</sup> ~~been~~ hired as soon as possible and room could then be made for the Asylum children at the Shawmut School. Much discussion followed this report and strong objections were made to the attendance of the children at the Public Schools, principally on the ground that they would have no time to be properly instructed in Sewing and housework. The Subject was laid on the table till the next monthly meeting.

The Treasurer's report was then read.

Treasurer's Report - October 18, 1881

Cash on hand October 23, 1880

1640.91

Received Income

Interest - Mass. Hospital Life Insurance Co.

1600.

Appleton Fund

40.

Dividends on Bank Stock

3184.25

Taxes on Bank Shares refunded by the State

971.21

Dividends on Railroad Stock

2959.60

Interest on Railroad Bonds

2730.00

Dividends Lawrence Gas Co.

1700.00

Interest on U. S. Bond

30.00



October 1881	Interest on deposit - in Suffolk Savings Bank	523.52	
	" for 2 years " - Provident Institution for Savings	443.38	
	Dividends Cocheco Co.	50.-	
	Interest on Hession Mortgage	130.-	
	Subscriptions	<u>127.-</u>	
	Total Income		14528.96

Received Principal		
One half proceeds of sale of 364 North St. Rowe Estate	788.53	
Legacy from Miss Jane Welles	200.-	
Sale of U. S. Bond of 1881	1,035.-	
" 100 Shares of Phila. Wilmington & Balto. R.R.	<u>798.53</u>	
		11,808.53
		<u>27,978.40</u>

Also received of R. J. Paine Jr. one half of the Hession Mortgage \$1250 - (the whole mortgage being \$2500 -) in final settlement of the Rowe Estate.

### Expenses Chargeable to Income

Provisions	4386.15-
Salaries & Wages	3703.15-
Clothing	876.80
Furniture	157.32
Repairs	320.29
Incidental Expenses	812.87
Fuel	706.50
Orders to the Matron for the use of the Asylum	125.-
Board of Children	673.75
Prizes	<u>46.-</u>
	11,809.83



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Payments on account of Principal  
 Paid for 2 tickets, Ipswich, and Santa Fe rights 18.06  
 " 27 Shares new Stock A. T. & S. F. R. R. at par 270.00  
 " " 67 " " " " " " " " 925.25  
 " " Commission on above 8.38  
 " to Home for Aged Women for 1/2 Hession Mortgage 1250.00  
 " accrued interest on Mortgage 31.75

13,733.44

Cash deposited in Old Boston National Bank 2435.13  
27,978.40

## Stock Account

Mass. Hospital Life Insurance Co.	40,000.00
" " " " Appleton Fund	1,000.00
Bank Stock	50,200.00
170 Shares Lawrence Gas Co.	17,000.00
1 " Cocheco Co.	300.00
26 " Boston & Albany R. R.	2600.00
160 " Chicopee Burlington & Quincy R. R.	16,000.00
200 " Attchison Ipswich & Santa Fe	20,000.00
7 " Fitchburg R. R.	700.00
1 " Boston & Lowell R. R.	500.00
Connecticut & Passumpsic Rivers R. R. Bond	1,000.00
Chicopee Burlington & Quincy R. R. Bond	7,000.00
Burlington & Missouri Land Grant " " Loring Fund	7,000.00
Burlington & Missouri in Nebraska	6,000.00
Illinois Grand Trunk	1,000.00
Boston & Albany	7,000.00
Philadelphia Wilmington and Baltimore	6,000.00
Fitchburg	8,000.00
Hession Mortgage	2500.00
Deposit in Suffolk Savings Bank	12963.67
" " Prudent Institution for Savings	6176.77
	<u>213,140.38</u>

Errors Excepted - Sarah C. Paine  
 Treasurer Boston Female Asylum



Oct. 1881

Voted That Mrs. Bullard & Mrs. Tracy be appointed a Committee to examine the Treasurers' books.

The Treasurer wished instructions as to buying rights for new stock of Chicago Burlington & Quincy, and Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe R.R.'s.

Voted That the matter be left to Mr. Paine

Adjourned - Mary Anne Wales, Secy

Nov. 1881

The Managers held their monthly meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 29.

The First Directress, Treasurer, Secretary, and Nine Managers were present.

Voted That all bills be paid.

Voted That Miss Brown and Mrs. Tracy be the Committee for the next month.

The Committee reported that Sarah Frances Crockett had been put aboard with Mrs. Folsom. Lizzie Harmon had been admitted & seemed very delicate. The Hampstead Children had not come because there had been diphtheria at the Children's Mission and it was not considered safe to receive them. It was

Voted That these two Children should be placed aboard with Mrs. Faye until such time as it should be thought safe to receive them into the Asylum.

Voted As Clara Swenson was now over three years old it was That she be taken into the Asylum.

Application was made for the admission of Madeline O'Neira. The father was an intemperate man, who had gone to the West and had done nothing for his family for a long time. The mother was left with several children whom she could not support.

Voted That this Child be admitted.

As Amy Bonner's father objected to her being bound out on Indenture it was

Voted That no Indentures for her be made for the present.



Nov. 1881 Voted That the Clause regarding the payment of 30.- be struck out of Mary Barker's indentures.

Application to take Sophia Horst had been made by Mrs. Glidden, who lived in or near Lee St. H. The Committee had been much pleased with Mrs. Glidden's appearance and her recommendations were very good; there was however a doubt about the respectability of the neighborhood and it was decided that further inquiries must be made. The matter was left to the decision of the Committee for the next month.

Three or four girls had been found old enough to bind out.

Miss Palmer had taken a vacation of ten days. Dr. Cutter had vaccinated the household. Mary Leach had been put into the Kitchen and enjoyed the work. Miss Wilson had opened classes for teaching darning and the children found the work interesting. Miss Wilson wished that some pictures might hang on the nursery walls to interest the little children. It was

Voted That the Committee for the month purchase some pictures suitable for this purpose, also that they make inquiries in regard to a map or maps for the School Room. The children had, nearly all of them, visited the Mechanics' Fair.

Miss Wilson had come under the impression that she was the second in authority to the Matron. This being a misapprehension of her position it was

Voted That the First Directress set her right in regard to it. The subject of punishing the children was discussed and some of the methods employed were not approved by the Managers. It was

Voted That Mrs. Goodwin shall let Miss Palmer know that the children are not to be deprived of their meals as a punishment.

It was found that the children employed all Monday in sewing and that they were expected to write nearly two hours at a time.



Nov. 1881

Voted That these arrangements must be altered, also that a time table of studies be made out with advice of the Committee to be presented at the next meeting of the Board. Christmas

Voted That the provision of suitable entertainments for the children be left to the Committee of the next month.

Voted That the Treasurer thank Dr. Cutler for his kindness in paying Dr. Swift for attendance on the children during part of the summer.

Voted That the proposed sending of the children to the Public Schools be laid on the table till the next meeting.

Adjourned -

Mary Anne Hales, Secy

Voted The meeting was called together again and it was unanimously That Mrs. J. Randolph Corbridge be requested to fill the vacant place at the Board.

Adjourned -

M. A. H. Secy

Dec. 1881 The Managers held their monthly meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 27.

The First and Second Directresses, Secretary and ten Managers were present.

Voted That all bills be paid.

Voted That Mrs. Lyman and Mrs. Clarke be the Committee for the next month.

The Committee reported that the mother of Madeline O'Mera had concluded not to place her in the Asylum.

Mrs. Lurry applied to take her little girl as she was now quite able to support her. Mrs. Lurry had a place at the State House, in consideration of injuries received by her husband in the war, by which she earned sixty



Dec. 1884 dollars a month. Her sister would have the care of the child.

Voted That Alice Gertrude Sully be given into the charge of her mother.

Very favorable reports had been received concerning the neighborhood in Lee, about which there had been some doubt, and Sophia Horst had therefore gone to live with Mrs. Gladden. Miss Palmer had received a letter from Sophia, who seemed to like her place very much.

Voted That Miss Brown undertake the guardianship of Sophia Horst.

Mrs. Rice, a woman who had been deserted by her husband, wished to put her two little girls into the Asylum.

Voted That Ellen and Katy Rice be admitted.

Miss Hapford had been sick with a fever for a fortnight.

Voted That another teacher be provided temporarily and that the matter be left to the Committee of the month.

Voted That the Committee for the month notify Mr. Case that he is not to have his breakfast at the Asylum. Miss Wilson did not appear fully to understand her duties and it was

Voted That Mrs. Lyman explain them more fully to her. Ida Swift was not behaving well and was reported to have a bad influence on the younger children. As Ida had been kept in the Asylum much beyond the usual time and could not be sent to a place on account of her deficiencies it was

Voted That her mother be notified that she must remove her from the Asylum and that if this cannot be done Ida must be given up to the care of the City or State.

The Committee had been much pleased with the progress of the children in school, especially in arithmetic. They had purchased some dissected maps and transparent slates and ascertained that a set of outline maps could be bought for eighteen dollars.

Voted That these maps be purchased.



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Miss Howland found it very inconvenient to give up the detention of the children after morning school as a punishment, and the Managers decided to re-instate this punishment and make an arrangement for sending in the dinners of the children thus kept.

A time table of lessons had been drawn up, which was thought by the managers to be satisfactory.

Mrs. Lyman gave a good report of Sarah Lul.

Mrs. Robbins offered to be at the expense of keeping Clara Swenson for one year at her Country boarding place, as she thought her very delicate.

Voted

That Mrs. Robbins's kind offer be accepted with thanks.

Adjourned -

Mary Anne Wales, Sec<sup>y</sup>

Jan. 1882

The Managers held their monthly meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 31.

The First and Second Directresses, Treasurer, Secretary and Eleven Managers were present.

Voted

That all bills be paid.

Voted

That Mrs. Tracy and Mrs. Bullard be the Committee for the next month.

A letter had been received from the mother of Ida Swift expressing gratitude for all that had been done for Ida at the Asylum and saying that, as she herself could do nothing for her daughter's support, she thought it best for her to be sent to the town of Stowe if she could no longer be kept in the Asylum.

Voted

That this matter be left to the Committee of the month to send Ida to Stowe in case she has a claim to support from that town & if she has not to place her in charge of the City or State.

There had been a delay about receiving the Hampstead children on account of a case of diphtheria in the Asylum but they had come at last. On account of this illness the children had been unable to attend the Christmas Festival at Mr. Wales's, and had been invited



Jan. 1882 by the South Congregational <sup>Society</sup> to a sleighride instead; this they had much enjoyed.

Beside the Case for Disposition Edith Gibson had been very ill with pneumonia. two nurses had been needed but as Lydia and the children were now better only one would be retained.

The state of the household was reported to be very unsatisfactory and it was evident that Miss Palmer, though excellent as a housekeeper, was not adapted to the charge and government of children. It was not thought best to take any action <sup>immediately</sup> but it was

Voted That at the end of a month Miss Palmer be informed that a change of Matron will be necessary.

Miss Howland's conduct was not thought satisfactory and it seemed the general opinion that it would be best to make a change of teacher at the same time as of Matron. No vote however to this effect was taken. It was

Voted That Miss Howland be informed by the First Directress that the Managers disapprove of the want of respect shown by her to the Matron.

Much extra washing having been needed by reason of Lydia's illness it was

Voted That a present of five dollars be made to the laundress. The Treasurer's account as administratrix on the estate of the late Ann P. Johnson was read and approved

Adjourned  
Mary Anne Wales, Sec<sup>y</sup>

Feb. 1882 The Managers held their monthly meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 28.

The First and Second Directresses, Treasurer, Secretary and Eleven Managers were present.

Voted That all bills be paid.

Voted That Miss Storer and Miss Brown be the Committee for the next month.

The Committee reported a pleasant month



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with little trouble in the house. It had been ascertained that Ida Purif- could not go to Stowe, but she could be placed in one of the City Institutions, either at the Austin Farm or in Charlestown.

Voted

That Ida be given into the care of the City.

The Complaints Concerning Sadie Whitten both in regard to temper and mischievousness were so serious that it was thought necessary to separate her from the other children. It was therefore

Voted

That the Committee for the next month find a suitable boarding place for Sadie Whitten and send her to it.

Application for the admission of two children was made by Mrs. Francis Manning. Their mother had died at the Consumptives' Home and the children had been boarded at an Episcopal Home in Haverhill, where they could be kept no longer. The father was not a good man and had known nothing of his family for some time.

Voted

That Margaret and Mary Ellen Bradley be admitted. Mrs. de Rochemont who had taken several girls from the Asylum now made application for another.

Voted

That Annie Cameron be bound to Mrs. de Rochemont. Seven children had been afflicted with very troublesome heads. They had now been isolated from the other children and were under the sole charge of the nurse, who had been retained for this purpose.

Voted

That the nurse be kept as long as her services are required.

Mrs. Hutton the Cook had spoken to Mrs. Tracy about an increase of wages. Mrs. Hutton now received five dollars a week and was considered a very valuable person. It was

Voted

That her wages be increased and that the decision as to the additional amount be left to Mrs. Tracy.

Voted

That Louisa's wages be increased to three dollars a week.



Feb. 1882 Miss Hafford was now well enough to return to work,  
but - it was

Resolved That she do not return to her regular School work  
but only take charge for the present of the Sewing &  
Knitting.

Ten prizes had been given during the month -  
and there had been but one punishment.

Application was made by the Brush Electric Light Co.  
to attach a wire to the Asylum.

Resolved That this request be refused.

Resolved That the Committee for the month do all in their  
power to secure greater watchfulness in the care of the  
Children at night.

After much discussion it was decided that it would  
be much better for Miss Howland to give up the care  
of the School at the end of the present School year,  
viz: next August. It was therefore

Resolved That this decision be communicated to Miss Howland  
by the First Directress, at the same time that she  
communicates to Miss Palmer the proposed change of  
Matron.

Adjourned - Mary Anne Hales, Sec<sup>y</sup>

March, 1882 A Special meeting of the Managers was held on Friday  
March 17 at 89 Mt Vernon St.

The First Directress, Treasurer and nine Man-  
agers were present.

The meeting was called to decide upon  
a proposed Matron. The person proposed was Mrs.  
Hollaway, a widow, forty five years old, at present  
living on Providence St. Her own child had died, but  
she had adopted and brought up another, now grown up  
and married. She was very fond of children, had  
seen the Asylum and thought she should be much  
interested in the work. Several letters were read  
highly recommending Mrs. Hollaway and the Committee



March 1882 had been much pleased with her.

That Mrs. Holloway be engaged for three months on trial.

That the Comtee on the Matron arrange for Mrs. Holloway to come on May 1<sup>st</sup>.

That Miss Wilson be informed that her services will be no longer required and that a month's notice be given her.

That the Committee of the month invite Miss Smart-Bake Miss Wilson's place.

The First Directress had according to the vote passed at the last meeting written both Miss Palmer and Miss Howland. The former had taken very pleasantly the decision as to a change of Matron. Miss Howland wished leave to send in her resignation; it had been granted and the resignation sent in to take effect when her Successor should be appointed.

That the former on dismissing Miss Howland be sustained and that Miss Howland's resignation be accepted.

At Miss Brown's request it was  
That application be made at the Children's Mission for a place for Cynthia Hadley.

Ed. Seig had been taken by Mrs Tracy and Mrs. Ballard to the Charleston Almshouse.

Adjourned.

Sarah C. Paine, Secy Pro. Tem.

March 1882 The Managers of the Asylum held their monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 28.

The First and Second Directresses, Treasurer, Secretary and eleven Managers were present.

That all bills be paid.

That Mrs. Robbins and Miss Paine be the Committee for the next month.



March, 1882

The Committee reported that the two children named Bradley had been admitted.

Mr. Cameron had applied for his daughter Annie, as he was very unwilling that she should leave the Asylum to a place. He had married again and said that his wife would like to have his child at home. Miss Storer had seen Miss Wales, a lady in Dorchester who was much interested in Mr. Cameron and his family, and she did not recommend granting this request. She said that Mr. Cameron drank at times and had twice been separated from his family on that account; the wife she believed to be a very good woman.

Voted

That Mr. Cameron's request be refused and that Annie remain in the Asylum for the present. Mrs. Edwards of Milford made application for Fanny Chapman, but the place did not seem a desirable one and the request was refused.

Mrs. Thayer of Atlantic applied to adopt Adeline Gibson. Mrs. Thayer had good recommendations and the arrangement would be pleasing to Adeline's Aunt who knew Mrs. Thayer very well. Voted - That the request be granted.

Miss Ewel made application for the admission of a child named Fox, now at the Children's Mission. Both parents were living, the father intemperate.

Voted

That this matter be left to the Committee of the month with full powers.

Two boarding places had been heard of which might be suitable for Sadie Whetton, one at Barnstable, the other at Rockbottom, but it was necessary before making any arrangement to know definitely the sum which the Asylum would be willing to pay for her board.

Voted

That three dollars and a half be the sum paid for board per week and that the finishing of the business be left to last month's Committee.

Miss Storer, Mrs. Tracy and Miss Brown had visited Ida Swift and had been appreciably disappointed in the aspect of the Charleston Almshouse, where Ida seemed



March 1882 well and Contented and was apparently liked by the other inmates.

Maggie Grant had been Sick but was now better, and Louisa had Sprained her ankle.

Three of the Seven Children under the Care of the nurse had entirely recovered; the remaining four were pronounced by Dr. Cutler to be improving, but their heads were still very bad and some of the Managers thought that a removal to the Country would hasten their recovery.

Voted

That Dr. Cutler be Consulted on this point and that if he shall approve these four children be sent out of town to board.

Voted

On Recommendation of the Committee it was That Fanny Scannel and Fanny Chapman be bound to the Service of the House.

To the great regret of the Managers Mrs. Tracy said that she must discontinue the Care of the grounds.

Voted

That the thanks of the Board be expressed to Mrs. Tracy for her Services.

Voted

That Mrs. Bullard be appointed as Mrs. Tracy's successor and that when he referred an application from Mr. Hedges the gardener to continue for another year in the Care of the grounds.

As Annie Cameron could not go to Mrs. de Rochemont it was proposed to offer her Mary Byrne.

Voted

That this matter be left to the Committee for the next month.

Two persons had been seen either of whom it was thought would be well adapted to take Miss Helen's place. One, Miss Jellison, was already acting as Assistant Matron in a place where the number of Children was so small that her Services were no longer required; the other, Mrs. Charlotte Burns, also brought forward Recommendations. Both were said to be fond of children. Voted That this decision be left to the Committee of the month.



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A House Schedule was read by Miss Brown defining the duties of the various members of the household. It had been drawn up after consultation with Miss Palmer, and was much approved by the Managers who thanked the Committee for the pains they had taken in this matter.

Miss Howland wished to go on May 1<sup>st</sup>. It was not thought that Miss Karcher's services were needed any longer and it was Voted That Miss Karcher have notice that her services will not be required after May 1<sup>st</sup>. Miss Smart had not wished to take Miss Wilson's place but applied for that of teacher. She had taught formerly and brought a recommendation from Maine of her services in that capacity. Miss Smart was liked so much in the house that it was

Voted

To engage her on trial for three months. Mrs. Nye of Sandwich would like to take Cynthia Hadley on trial for three months.

Voted

That Mrs. Nye's request be granted in case her references prove satisfactory.

Voted

Miss Howland wished a little vacation and it was That Fast Day and the two days following be granted her as a vacation.

Adjourned -

Mary Anne Wales, Secy

April  
1882

The monthly meeting of the Managers was held on Tuesday, April 23.

The First and Second Directresses, Treasurer, Secretary and Eleven Managers were present.

Voted

That all bills be paid.

Voted

That Mrs. Bullard and Miss Phillips be the Committee for the next month.

The Committee reported that Adeline Gibson and Mary Byrne had gone to their respective places.

Mrs. Nye had decided not to take Cynthia Hadley.



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The little girl for whom Miss Ever applied had not been admitted because the mother refused to give her up.

One of the Candidates for the place of Nursery matron mentioned at the last meeting Mrs. Burns, had been engaged but had failed to keep her engagement. Many others had been seen and finally Miss Oxford, an Englishwoman had been engaged for the place. She had in England done similar work to that which would now be required of her and had also in Massachusetts taken charge of babies for the State. Her recommendations were good; She seemed neat and attractive and said she was fond of children. The laundress had been dismissed and a new one named Ann Grimes had come yesterday; She promised well.

Voted

That the sum of one hundred dollars besides her salary be given to Miss Howland from the Asylum.

Miss Ellis wished instructions with regard to Mary Griffiths, who had stolen and had otherwise made herself so disagreeable that Mrs. Harris could no longer keep her. The Managers thought that another place might be found for Mary or that low board might be paid for her in consideration of the amount of housework she would be capable of doing. The matter was referred to Miss Ellis with full powers.

Miss Slater reported that Sadie Whiston had been placed with Mrs. Peabody at Rockbottom, where the Committee thought she would have every chance to improve. Mrs. Peabody was unwilling to take her for less than four dollars a week and the Committee wished to know whether the Board approved of her remaining on these terms. This matter was referred to Miss Slater and Miss Brown with full powers.

Miss Brown brought a very bad report of Annie Dennis and it did not seem probable that Mrs. Fairfield would be able to keep her much longer.



April 1882 In that case there was no doubt - that Lancaster <sup>would be</sup> the proper place for her and a legal guardian would be necessary. Miss Brown very kindly offered to assume this office and it was therefore

Wed That Miss Brown's offer be accepted.

Mrs. Sears's account of Amy Bourne was good except that Dr. and Mrs. Littlefield had some trouble from Mrs. Bourne.

Wed That Dr. Littlefield be requested to put an end as far as possible to all communication between Amy and her Mother.

Sophia Barker was also troublesome, but Mrs. Turnbull preferred to keep her.

A letter in regard to Caroline Warren from Mrs. Latta was read and it was

Wed That \$50. be sent to Mrs. Latta in aid of Caroline Warren's education.

A communication had been received from Miss Smart - containing a request to take her dinners at the Asylum four days in the week during the next three months. Her boarding place was not near the Asylum and she did not wish to change it - while she was not certain of the permanency of her place at the Asylum. As the Managers thought all these considerations must have been known to Miss Smart when she entered into the engagement to come it was

Wed That her request be refused.

A revised Schedule was read by Miss Brown and approved by the Managers.

Mrs. Bullard mentioned some proposed new arrangements for the protection of one of the banks. This matter was referred to Mrs. Bullard with full powers.

Wed That Mrs. Bullard and Mrs. Tracy be appointed a Committee to examine the Treasurer's books.

A question as to some of Miss Palmer's furniture arose and was referred to the Committee of the month.

Adjourned

Mary Anne Wales, Secy



May 1882

The monthly meeting was held on Tuesday May 30.  
The Treasurer, Secretary and six managers were present.

In the absence of the First & Second Directresses Miss Brown presided.

Voted

That all bills be paid.

Voted

That Mrs. Corlidge and Miss Paine be the Committee for the month.

A child named Lymes McNeil was presented for admission by Mrs. Walker of Somerville. The little girl's mother was dead and the father was drunk most of the time. Mrs. Walker was a neighbor who had been interested in the deplorable condition of the family. She brought a very good recommendation of herself.

Voted

That Lymes McNeil be admitted.

Another child, Bertha Stella Johnson, was brought by her mother, a widow without means or capacity to maintain her family.

Voted

That this child also be admitted.

Miss Clepp, Matron of the Infant Asylum, asked for the admission of a child three years old. The circumstances not being known it was

Voted

That the matter be left to the Committee for the next month.

Application was made to adopt Matty Palmer, but the place was not thought a desirable one and the application was refused.

Dr. & Mrs. Littlefield had been obliged to break up housekeeping and had returned Amy Bondine.

Voted

That Amy be sent to Westfield to live with Mr. & Mrs. Morgan who had just come for a child.

Mr. Morgan was in the lumber business and was highly recommended. The Matron was much pleased with Mrs. Morgan.



- May 1882 Mrs. Freeman from Charlton Mass. applied for a girl. Inquiries about the family had been made and the place seemed an excellent one. It was
- Voted To offer to Mrs. Freeman Annie Matthews, who had been obliged to leave her last place.
- Another application came from Miss Carter, a milliner, of E. Northwood, N. H. This matter was left for the Committee of next month, as far as further inquiries needed to be made.
- Mrs. Holloway and Miss Oxford were both much liked by the Committee. About the School they did not feel prepared to speak decidedly, but the room seemed orderly.
- A request from Mrs. Rogers to take her children for a visit at the Farm School was refused.
- A rather encouraging report of Sadie Whilton was received.
- Miss Smart made a request that every Thursday afternoon might be devoted to the speaking of Dialogues.
- Voted That the experiment be tried.
- The Committee for the month were requested to try to make some suitable arrangement for the children on Sunday afternoons, as their Sunday School was at an end for the season.
- The Treasurer reported the receipt of \$300.00, a legacy from Mrs. Sumner.
- Voted That this act of the Treasurer is approved by the Board, who gratefully accept this legacy.
- The Treasurer's books were reported to be in good order.
- Voted — That the system of prizes in the School be abolished.
- Voted That spelling books be given up; that the younger classes spell from the Reader and the older ones from dictation.
- Adjourned.
- Mary Anne Wales, Secy



June 1882

The monthly meeting of the Managers was held on  
Tuesday June 27.

The First & Second Directresses, Treasurer, Secretary  
and Ten Managers were present.

Voted  
Voted

That all bills be paid

That Mrs. Archibald Lyman and Mrs. Theodore Lyman  
be the Committee for the next month.

A note was read from Mrs. Sears saying  
that she must resign her place at the Board, as  
her health would not permit her to take a month  
at present. This news was received with much  
regret and it was

Voted

That Mrs. Sears be requested to withdraw her  
resignation; that she be excused from active duty for  
a year, but come when convenient to the monthly  
meetings.

Voted

That the Secretary write to Mrs. Sears to this effect.

The Committee reported that Bertha  
Johnson had been admitted; she was at first very  
troublesome but was becoming less so.

The residences of Miss Carter were good and  
she seemed like a respectable woman. Cynthia Hadley  
had been much pleased to go with her and had  
written expressing her satisfaction with the place.  
Mrs. Coolidge had agreed to be Cynthia's guardian.

Annie Matthews had been taken by Mrs. Freeman  
on trial, but she had been troublesome & it was  
doubtful whether Mrs. Freeman could keep her.

Miss Bourne had gone to Mrs. Morgan, who were  
thus far pleased with her. The case of the child for  
whom Miss Clapp asked admission had been inves-  
tigated. The fear was that she was a deaf mute, although  
the case might be one of very backward talking.  
If the former alternative were true Miss Clapp  
only asked the Asylum to take charge of the child  
until she should be old enough to enter the Clarke  
School at Northampton.



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It was voted that the child be brought to the Asylum & stay at least till September.

By that time the case would be more fully understood and it could be determined what should best be done for her.

A widow named Refuse wished to place two children in the Asylum, one seven years old & one eighteen months. She had two other children in the Province, for one of whom she paid board. She was living out at wages of \$3.00 a week & her sister with whom her little girls were could not well afford to keep them.

Voted

That Henrietta, the older of the two, be admitted. Dr. Cutler thought a fortnight in the Country would be of great benefit to Mary Leach and Melena Cutler.

It was therefore

Voted

That these two girls be boarded out of town for two weeks.

Voted

That Mary Leach be bound to the house.

An afternoon Sunday School had been held from 2.30 to 3.30 with which the children were much pleased. After Sunday School they had been taken to walk.

It was suggested that books for the children & read were much needed.

Miss Oxford had arranged that the twenty older girls should take each a little girl for her especial charge.

Voted

That an invitation to the children from the City to attend on July 4 a representation of Cinderella at the Windsor Theatre be accepted.

The children had been invited by Mrs. Robbins to a picnic at her house, for which kindness the Managers expressed their thanks. Mrs. Holloway had also taken some of the children on an excursion to Dorchester by horse-car.

Mrs. Hutton, the Cook, applied for a fortnight's vacation.

Voted

That her request be granted.



June 1882

Miss Ellis reported that an excellent place had been found for Mary Griffiths with the daughter of Mrs. [unclear] an.

Miss Brown brought a very good report of Mary Rounds. Almira Bowdoin also had much improved.

Voted That a request from Mrs. Whittington that her daughter Frances be refused.

Voted That an invitation for Hilda Swenson to visit her younger sister now at board in Roxbury be accepted with thanks.

Voted That at the end of her three months' trial Miss Smart be informed that her services as teacher will not be permanently required.

Miss Brown thought it probable that Miss Very, a lady well known & by reputation some of the other Managers, might be secured for the place. Miss Very was much valued as a teacher of one of the Public Schools and was about changing from a School in Jamaica Plain to one in Boston, in which she was to receive \$16.00 a week.

Voted That Miss Brown offer the position to Miss Very at a salary of \$25.00 with six weeks' vacation.

Voted That at the next Annual Meeting a proposal be made to alter the Act of Incorporation in two particulars: first, so that the Annual Meeting be held on the last Tuesday of October; second, so that the Officers be made members of the Board of Managers.

Voted That the kind offer of Mrs. Robbins, to put at board in the Country those children who most needed such a change, be accepted with thanks.

Adjourned -

Mary Anne Hales, Sec<sup>y</sup>



July  
1882

The Monthly meeting of the Managers was held on Tuesday, July 24.

The First- and Second Directresses, Treasurer, Secretary and Six Managers were present.

Before the meeting a note from Miss Storer to the First-Directress was read saying that she felt obliged to resign her place at the Board as she was not able at present to do the work.

The Managers felt very unwilling to lose Miss Storer and several of them offered to take an extra month. It was

Voted That the Secretary write to Miss Storer that the Board cannot accept her resignation but that they do not wish her to feel obliged to take a month before spring.

A note was read from Mrs. Sears expressing her pleasure that the Managers wished her to remain and offering \$50 for the present.

Voted That all bills be paid.

Voted That Mrs. Robbins and Miss Marcianne Paine be the Committee for the next month.

The Committee reported an application for the admission of a little girl four years old, named Annie Roberts. The child's father was dead; the mother was Mrs. Stots had married again but was not living with her husband. She supported herself by working in the Mills. The little girl was living with her grandparents, who did not seem suitable persons to have charge of her and said they could not keep her off the streets. Voted That Annie Roberts be admitted.

Application was made by Mrs. Robbins for the admission of Margaret Harrington, a child whose father was dead and the mother sick.

Voted That Margaret Harrington be admitted. Also Voted That Wilhelmina Tamm be admitted and placed at board.



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This child was only two years old; the mother was dead, the father's habits were not good and there was no proper person to take care of her.

Mrs. Shackley wished to place her child in the Asylum. She seemed an inefficient, untidy woman and lived in a low neighborhood. When she and her husband separated the Court gave her the care of her children; the baby she thought she could support if the older child could be provided for. Voted That Mrs. Shackley's application be granted.

Voted At Mrs. Holloway's suggestion it was That Fanny Scannel have a vacation of a fortnight. Mrs. Bernard had been engaged for a fortnight as temporary Cook during Mrs. Hutton's absence. She had brought her little girl with her and no definite arrangement as to her wages had been made.

Voted That ten dollars be paid to Mrs. Bernard for her services.

Mrs. Whittington again applied to take her daughter Frances.

Voted That nothing about this matter be decided until October and that meantime further investigations be made.

Mrs. Conroy applied to take her daughter Katharine Kirby. She had remarried and said she was able to support the child. This matter was left to the Committee for the next month.

Mrs. Grant wished leave of absence to visit her relations in the Province previous to her departure for California.

Voted That three weeks absence be granted her and that one of the three be allowed for her vacation.

Voted That Maggie Selvy be boarded two weeks in the Asylum, as Mrs. Holloway considered her delicate.



July 1882  
Miss Brown wrote that she had engaged Miss Story at the salary mentioned at the last meeting, \$25. per annum, with a summer vacation of six weeks. Her school year was to begin Sept. 4.

Voted That the First Directress Communicate to Miss Smart the decision of the Board that her services will not be permanently needed and that an arrangement be made to retain her if possible until Sept. 4.

Voted Mrs. Hollaway's three probationary months would be at an end Aug. 1. It was therefore to engage her at a salary of \$60.00 per annum, her services being very satisfactory.

Voted Mrs. Freeman wrote that she could not keep Annie Matthews. It was therefore to obtain if possible a place for Annie at the Refuge on Rutland St.

Adjourned -

Mary Anne Wales, Secy

Aug. 1883. The monthly meeting of the Boston Female Asylum was held Aug. 29, 1883.

Present: First and Second Directresses, Treasurer, and six Managers.

Voted That all bills be paid.

Voted That Mrs. Theodore Lyman and Miss Brown be the committee for the month.

A note was read from Miss Story, thanking the Managers for their suggestion, and expressing to remain on the board for the present.

The committee of the last month, having inquired into the character of Mrs. Curran, and find her unsteady, and not perfectly honest, it was

Voted That her request to take her daughter, Fannie F. F. F., be refused.

Anna Roberts, admitted last month, had come, but none of the others admitted then, had appeared. Margaret Fanning is placed in the



## Church Home.

Application was received from Miss Clapp, of Mass. Infant Asylum, for the admission of Margaret Hannon, 8 years of age. The mother, Ellen Hannon, was wet nurse at the Infant Asylum, but her time has nearly expired, and she is unable to support more than one child, and being hasty and injudicious, is not a proper person to bring up a child. Margaret had been vaccinated and bapt christened. It was

Toted, That Margaret Hannon be admitted.

Mrs. Beck, a widow with six children, applied for the admission of her daughter, Lily Beck, 7 years of age. Her older children were earning a little, but she was unable to support so many, and was rather inefficient. A lady visitor from the Associated Charities, who had known Mrs. Beck for two years vouched for her character. She has been both vaccinated, and christened.

Toted, That Lily Beck be admitted.

Miss Clapp applied for the admission of another child, Mabel Hill, four years of age. The mother had left her husband, on account of his or was deserted by him, when the child was a few weeks old. She lived at the Mass. Infant Asylum for nearly two years, when she went to live with a family, in whose service her health had utterly broken down. It was

Toted To admit Mabel Hill, and as her mother was unable to come into Boston, to sign the books, Miss Fane was to send her a copy of the regulations for her signature.

Hannah Mc Gregor applied for the admission of her child Louisa, aged 5. The mother was not bright, and sickly, and her family poor, and her father blind. The husband died before the birth of the child. It was

Toted That Louisa Mc Gregor be admitted.



Mrs. Dickey applied for the admission of her children, Mary and Ellen, aged 7 and 8 yrs. Her husband was intemperate, and ill-treated her, and she deserted him. Mr. Fay, of the Soc. Sec. Com. had seen Mr. Dickey, but he was unwilling to sign the book. She seemed a good woman, and it was

Noted That these children be admitted.

Mr. Beckman, sailor, applied for the admission of two children of 11 and 8.

Noted That this request be refused.

Mrs. R. J. House, brought up at the Asylum many years since, her maiden name Susan C. Pierce, applied for the admission of her grandchild, Susan May Davis. The mother, Mrs. Mary C. Davis, a widow with four children, three of whom were boys, of whom one was in the Farm School, wants to put a girl of 3 into the Asylum. It was

Noted To leave the application to the committee of the month with full powers.

The committee reported that Miss Smart refused to remain through August, and that Mrs. Holloway wished the children to have a five-weeks vacation, but the committee thought best to employ a teacher - a Miss Lee from Maryland, for two weeks, which was accordingly done. The children had had two picnics, and were to have a third the next day.

Lizzie Goldthwait and Annie Mauston had been taken to the eye and ear infirmary. Dr. Culler thought there was something defective in Lizzie's vocal organs, and that she did not hear her own voice. Annie Mauston's ears were also placed under treatment, and both children are to go again to the infirmary. Dr. Culler thought the following children should be taken to the country for a three weeks' vacation - Grace Johnson, Label Cooper, Maggie and Ellen Bradley, Jessie Campstead,



Edith and Lina Wilson, Grace Lewis and Abigail  
Moore. The doctor also thought that Alice Broad  
would need to go to the Children's Hospital, in October,  
to have an operation performed for rupture, and that  
she had better remain in the country until that  
time. He thought that the health of Henry Ellen  
Leach would be improved by a visit to the country  
later. It was therefore

Noted That these recommendations of the doctor be  
complied with.

Lydia Chapgood, not feeling strong enough to re-  
turn to the Asylum, after a month's vacation, leave  
of absence for another month had been granted her.

A letter was received from Maggie Grant, asking  
for an extended vacation, which was granted.

The committee reported a plague of bed-bugs,  
which had become ensconced behind the plastering  
in the bed rooms. Mr. Foster agreed to scrape the  
plastering in all the infected rooms, and to repaint  
at a cost of \$85.00. As the need seemed urgent, the  
committee had authorized him to take it in  
charge, and the work was begun.

Mrs. Freeman of Charlton wished to return Annie  
Matthews, and take Rhoda Leach, within a short time.  
As her request had already been granted no vote was  
taken. But Annie Matthews when returned was to be  
provided for, by the committee of the month.

Miss Paine reported that she had had a bad  
account of Mary Byrnes, but that Mrs. de Roche-  
mont would keep her. She also had had a bad  
account of Amy Engel. She had written to Mrs.  
Sickling to say that the family must return  
for themselves, and she had engaged a place for  
her in the training department of the U. S. C. A.  
Miss Paine was instructed to write to Mrs. Sickling  
that the managers would expect her to pay Amy  
\$25.00.

Miss Sanford had written a note to the mana-  
gers, which was read to the board, and in which she



requested an advance of salary to \$6.00 per week, thinking the work was worth that amount of wages. As her services were considered very valuable, it was  
\* Voted That her request be granted.

\* Mrs. Theodore Lyman, guardian of Lilly Howan, had received a letter from the family to whom Lilly was apprenticed, telling her of Lilly's severe and peculiar illness, and requesting that a nurse be sent up. Miss Burroughs had been sent up to see her, and the family had been requested to obtain a nurse for her there. Miss Burroughs found her letter, but thought it might be better that a doctor from Boston should see and examine her, and ~~that~~ the change of the matter was left to Mrs. Lyman.

omit - (Adjourned -

H. L. Brown, Sec. pro tem.

\* Voted It was also That Miss Brown and Miss Bates be a committee with full powers, to place little tablets on all the pictures <sup>(portraits)</sup> in the managers' room, stating the maiden name of each lady, her husband's name, the dates of her birth and death, and the number of years she had served on the Asylum Board.

Adjourned.

H. L. Brown, Sec. pro tem.



Sept. 1882

The Annual Meeting of the Boston Female Asylum was held on Tuesday, Sept. 26.

The Anniversary Exercises were opened by Rev. Rufus Ellis with prayer, which was followed by singing. Mrs. Ellis then baptized eight of the Children: Alfred McNeil, Anna Roberts, Lizzie Harmon, Bertha Stella Johnson, Clara Hampstead, Jessie Hampstead, Sarah Frances <sup>or Elizabeth Ann Goodhew</sup> Crockett. A baptismal hymn was sung by the children and the following statement was read by the Secretary.

There is as usual need of only the fewest words to tell the Asylum tale for the year. Eight Children have gone from us, thirteen have come and the present number is sixty nine. There are besides three little children at board. One of the thirteen admitted was so young that she was placed at board; the others were taken directly into the Asylum. Contrary to the custom of late years only one girl has gone to her mother; another was adopted by friends of her family; the rest are with strangers, but strangers who the Managers have good reason to expect will do well by their charges. One, whose imbecility prevented her from working in a family, we were reluctantly obliged to put into one of the City Almshouses. This was not a surrender of our proper work to others; it was only the necessary result of our having for many years assumed a work which was not really ours. But we need not regret the time and cost of an apparently unsuccessful experiment, for we have the satisfaction of knowing that all that could be was done for the child's improvement - and the Managers will continue to see that she is properly cared for. She was removed when her influence on younger children was felt to be not for good. We should be glad if hers were the only case in which similar trouble had been experienced, because where so little was



Sept. 1882 given much could not be required. We wish those to whom more talents have been entrusted would remember how much harm they are in danger of doing to ~~others~~ their Companions as well as to themselves. We hope that the record at the close of this year will tell only of good influence of the older upon the younger girls.

It may not be amiss to say, that care over all the children who leave the Asylum and do not retain their relations, is exercised by the Managers; every such child having her especial guardian, who is ready to advise and as far as possible control her. The girls cannot all be turned as their guardians wish, but their characters are known, their places and the influences to which they are subjected are known; they are in no sense of the word unprotected, and if all the young people in the Community had the same amount of attention there would be no need of Societies for the Protection of Children.

We regret to report the resignation of one of our most valued Managers, Mrs. Chas. E. Ware. She gave many years' able and faithful service to the Asylum, and her loss will be much felt.

Our financial report is as usual very good. We live within our income and our funds have been increased by the receipt of \$300.00 a legacy from the late Mrs. Anne Foster Sumner.

Last winter was not a time of ease at the Asylum. There was much illness, so much that at one time the services of two nurses were required. There were besides other discomforts and changes, but we have come out now into smoother waters.

The summer months have been made pleasant to the children by excursions to the Country and Sea Shore, also, partly by the kindness of one of the Managers, partly at the expense of the Asylum, many of them, especially those whose delicate health made change of air particularly



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desirable, have enjoyed two or three weeks' vacation in the Country.

The Managers have good reason to be Satisfied with the present Condition and future prospects of the Asylum. They hope that they have been able to Secure both for home and School such a wise and kindly direction, as will assure to the Children help and guidance in their endeavor to become in time true and good women.

The "Star-Spangled Banner" was sung by the Children and served to introduce a geographical recitation, in which the various States of the Union were represented <sup>each</sup> by a different Child. The recitation or play contained much instruction in geography and the children by their excellence in reciting it did much credit to Miss Perry's training.

The First-Directress then gave out the Prizes. Fanny Stannell received the prize awarded to the Most-Deserving Girl. Annie Hanson received the prize given to the Best Little Girl, Annie Marston for great improvement and readiness to assume responsibility; Ella Dodge for decided improvement; Mary Jane Proctor and Mary Ellen Leach for helpfulness. Annie Cameron, Laurie H. Martin and Fanny S. E. Byers for improvement & good Conduct.

The First-Directress also read the names of several children who deserved especial approval.

The distribution of the Prizes was followed by more singing and another recitation. Mr. Ellis then spoke to the children, also Mr. Butler from Warren St. Chapel. The children sang again and Mr. Ellis pronounced the Benediction.

Subscribers having been invited to meet in the Managers' Room the following Amendment to the Constitution was read and approved. It was

Voted

To petition the Legislature that Section III, of the Act to Incorporate Hannah Stillman and others into a Society by the name of the Boston Female Asylum, approved Feb 26, 1853, be hereby amended, so that the First and Second Directresses,



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Treasurer and Secretary shall be members of the Board of Managers, and the Annual Meeting of the Society shall be held on the last Tuesday of October.

The following list of Officers and Managers was elected.

First Directress	—	Mrs. Elias Goodwin
Second Directress	—	Mrs. Theodore Lyman
Treasurer	—	Miss Sarah C. Paine
Secretary	—	Miss Mary Anne Wales
Managers		
Mrs. Fred. U. Tracy		Miss Harriet L. Brown
Mrs. Philip H. Sears		Miss Gertrude S. Ellis
Mrs. Olin Bullard		Mrs. Eliot C. Clarke
Miss Marianne Paine		Miss Annie D. Phillips
Miss Abby M. Storer		Mrs. Arthur J. Lyman
Mrs. Chandler Robbins		Mrs. J. Randolph Coolidge

### Meeting of the Managers.

The First and Second Directresses, Treasurer, Secretary, and Nine Managers were present.

Voted

That all bills be paid.

Voted

That Mrs. Clarke and Miss Phillips be the Committee for the month.

The Committee stated that Mr. Crockett, the father of Sarah Frances, asked for the admission of an older child, nine years old. He was too much out of health to get regular work & his relations were not well off. He would still have another child to support if this one were taken.

Voted

That Harriet Lavinia Crockett be admitted. Also

Voted

That Sarah Frances Crockett now at board be brought into the Asylum after a month's notice.

Mrs. Lyman had investigated the case of Susan Davis and did not see how the child could well be kept at home. Mr. Davis had deserted his family more than a year ago and would not probably appear again. Mrs. Davis was sickly but could perhaps support herself by doing light work, if











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She were relieved of her child. The grandmother was not so situated that she could support the little girl.

Voted

That Susan May Davis be admitted.

Mrs. Mary Johnson of Auburndale wished to adopt Clara Svenson; she had seen Clara at her boarding place and had become attached to her. Mrs. Johnson brought many excellent references. It was doubtful however whether Mrs. Svenson would wish her child adopted.

Voted

That the matter be left to the Committee of the month with full powers.

The children had been much benefited by their stay in the Country.

Of the children voted in at the last meeting Louisa McGee and Margaret Kennon had been brought to the Asylum; the others had not come.

Miss Storrs reported concerning Sadie Whiten, now boarding with Mrs. Peabody. Mrs. Peabody was interested in her and thought her somewhat improved but was not willing to keep her for the future for less than eighteen dollars a month.

Voted

That this price be paid with the understanding that Sadie is to stay with Mrs. Peabody till next May.

A letter had been received from Mrs. Freeman stating that Mr. Freeman had died and that she therefore did not wish to take Rhoda Leach. She would keep Annie Matthews through September.

Mrs. Tripp, a lady in Taunton who was used to dealing with naughty girls, would be ready to take Annie when she left Mrs. Freeman's.

Lily Rowen had been placed in the New England Hospital. She was in a highly nervous condition, especially at night, but the physician did not consider her case very serious. It was however thought best for her to remain in the Hospital two weeks longer. The bills of the doctor and nurse in East-Dorchester were still unpaid and it was

Voted

That these bills be paid by the Asylum.

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Mrs. de Rochemont had written that - She found Mary Byrne so troublesome that she could not keep her. Mrs. Holloway being willing, it had been decided that Mary should return to the Asylum.

Elizabeth Goldthwaite - had been taken to the Mass. Gen. Hospital for examination. The Doctor said that there was no imperfection in the organs either of Speech or hearing, but that it was simply a case of late development; he thought that in a year she would talk perfectly well. Much pains & teach her had been taken by Mrs. Holloway and by the older girls.

Some ailments were reported among the children and Mrs. Watson the Cook had been quite lame with rheumatism. Louisa had been obliged to give up her work at least for the present and take a rest at home. Margaret Finkelbeck had been engaged to take her place for two months. Maggie Grant had written saying that she did not feel strong and asking for a longer vacation. It appeared that Maggie had not been altogether satisfactory and it was

Voted

That her services be not retained.

Miss Sherman had said to Miss Brown that she did not feel well and thought she must give up her place.

The Managers were very unwilling to lose Miss Sherman's services. It was therefore

Voted

That Miss Sherman take a vacation of six weeks and that on her return her pay be raised from \$4.50 a week to \$5.50 a week.

Miss Brown gave an encouraging report of Miss Verry's management of the School.

Adjourned -

Mary Anne Hales, Secy



Oct. 1882

The Managers held their monthly meeting on Tuesday  
Oct. 31.

The Second Directress, Treasurer, Secretary and  
Ten Managers were present.

Voted

That all bills be paid.

Voted

That Miss Ellis and Mrs. Clarke be Committee for  
the next month.

The Committee reported that Lillie Beck had  
been admitted in accordance with a vote passed at  
a former meeting. Lavinia Crockett and Susan  
Davis had also come. Mrs. Swenson had not been  
willing to give up Clara for adoption.

Mrs. Davis had applied for the admission of two  
children. Her husband had been for some time insane  
and she had been left with a young family, (a baby  
having been born after her husband's removal from home),  
which she was unable to support. The case had  
seemed a pressing one and the Committee had taken  
in the children subject to the approval of the  
Board.

Voted

That the act of the Committee in admitting Lillie  
and Katie Davis is approved by the Board.

A German woman Mrs. Heil, a widow with five children  
and no particular means of supporting them, applied for  
the admission of a child of 5 yrs. and possibly of  
another older girl.

Voted

That Sadie Heil, the child 5 yrs. old, be admitted and  
that the case of the older girl be referred to the Committee  
of the month.

Mrs. Frank Lynch applied for the admission of her  
niece whose mother had been killed and whose father had  
probably been drowned. The case seemed less pressing than  
some others as the relations were not all very poor. It was  
left till further information should be obtained.

Mrs. Lowe, a woman in poor health who had been deserted  
by her husband, wished two little girls taken into the  
Asylum.

Voted

That her request be granted.

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Another application had been made by Mrs. Clarke a woman in very poor health, but as there had been no time to make the necessary inquiries the matter was left to the Committee for the next month.

Miss Vary was much encouraged about the School. An enlargement of the closet at the back of the School-room was spoken of as very desirable and also the building of a room over it in the Storey above. This matter was referred to the Committee on Repairs to obtain estimates and report at the next meeting.

The Committee for the month were requested to regulate the School and working hours of the older girls, which seemed to need some change.

Abby was thought to have too many children under her charge and it was decided that some of the youngest be returned to the nursery.

Miss Sherman had gone on her vacation and a Seamstress had been hired, who had been cutting the children's dresses.

Louisa found herself not strong enough for the work & had given notice that she must leave.

Wed

That changes be made in Mary Proctor's work so that she shall do whatever is most convenient to Mrs. Holloway.

The Committee for the month were requested to make some new arrangements about tending the front door.

Miss Storer reported that Annie Matthews had gone to Taunton, but had behaved badly at Mrs. Tripp's although it seemed an excellent place. Miss Storer had brought her back to Boston and placed her in the Refuge on Rutland St.

Wed

That the sum of \$50.00 be presented to the Refuge in consideration of the long time which Mary Ann Trant had spent there.

Cynthia Hadley had not been serviceable to Mrs. Culler but had now gone to another place in the same neighborhood.

Mrs. Lyman reported that Annie Wilson was eighteen & was married. Also that Lily Rowen had returned to



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her place.

Miss Paine & Miss Ellis had been to Charlestown to see Ida Swift and had found her very happy.

Jane Alcott who had been bound to Mrs. Collins of Amesbury had become dissatisfied and left last December to live with relations of Mrs. Collins on wages. The question now was, as the girl had broken her indenture, how much if any money was due her from Mr. Mrs. Collins. Twenty Five dollars was decided on as a fair compensation and it was

Read

That the Secretary write to Mrs. Collins to this effect.

Read

That Mrs. Bullard and Mrs. Tracy be a Committee to examine the Treasurer's Books.

The Treasurer's Report was read.

### Treasurer's Report, October 18, 1882

Cash on hand October 18, 1881

2435.13

#### Received Income

Interest-Mass. Hospital Life Insurance Co.

1600.-

Appleton Fund

40.-

Dividends on Bank Stock

3257.50

Taxes on Bank Shares refunded by the State

931.77

Dividends on Railroad Stock

3115.-

Sale of rights on -

332.45-

Interest on Railroad Bonds

2790.-

Dividends Lawrence Gas Co.

1700.-

Cocheos Co.

30.-

Interest on mortgage of V. Hession

150.-

" " deposit in Suffolk Savings Bank

457.26

" " " Prov. Ins. for Savings

186.45-

Subscriptions and Donations

115.97

Total Income

14726.40

Oct. 1882 Expenses Chargeable to Income

Provisions	4839.72
Salaries and Wages	4374.39
Clothing	960.81
Furniture	291.05
Repairs	712.09
Incidental Expenses	1102.15
Fuel	715.88
Orders to the Matron for the use of the Asylum	135.
Board of Children	1000.25
Prizes	46.
Insurance	60.
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	14237.34

Payments on account of Principal

Paid for 30 Shares new Stock Atchison Topeka and Santa Fe R.R., bearing right to Stock divid of 15 Shares making 45 in all	2971.61
Paid for 2 blocks Chicago Burlington & Quincy R.R. containing 20 Shares Stock & 20 4 P Bonds	1996.33
Paid for 2 rights Chicago Burlington & Quincy R.R.	49.50
" " 2 Shares " " " "	<u>1991.33</u>
	7008.77

Cash deposited in Old Boston National Bank	1746.77
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22,992.88

Received Principal

From the estate of Miss Ann P. Johnson in Cash	4614.20
also a Savings Bank Book in the Institution for Savings in Roxbury & vicinity containing deposit of 551.05 making the whole amount received 5165.25	
Legacy from Mrs. Anna Fata Sumner	500 - 2435.13
Withdrawn from Provident Institution for Savings	<u>717.15</u> 14726.40
	5831.35
	<u>22,992.88</u>



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## Stock Account

	Mass. Hospital Life Insurance Co.	40,000-
	Appleton Fund	1,000-
	Bank Stock	50,200-
170	Shares Lawrence Gas Co.	17,000-
1	Locheco Co.	500-
26	Boston & Albany R. R. Co.	2,600-
200	Chicago Burlington & Quincy R. R. Co.	20,000-
345	Atchafalpa & Santa Fe	30,360-
7	Fitchburg	700-
1	Boston & Lowell	500-
	Connecticut & Passumpsic Rivers R. R. Bond	1,000-
	Chicago Burlington & Quincy 7 1/2	7,000-
	4 1/2 Denver Extension Bonds	1,680-
	Burlington & Missouri Land Grant Bonds - Spring Fund	7,000-
	Burlington & Missouri in Nebraska R. R. Bonds	6,000-
	Illinois Grand Trunk	1,000-
	Boston & Albany	7,000-
	Philadelphia & Wilmington & Baltimore	6,000-
	Fitchburg	8,000-
	Note Mortgage of P. Hession	2500-
	Deposit in Suffolk Savings Bank	12,963.67
	President Institution for Savings	5,459.56
	Institution for Savings in Roxbury & Vicinity	551.05
		<u>229,014.28</u>

Errors Excepted

Sarah C. Paine

Treasurer Boston Female Asylum.

The Treasurer's report having been read & accepted the meeting adjourned.

Mary Anne Wales, Secy

Nov. 1882

The Managers held their monthly meeting on Tuesday,  
Nov. 28.

The First and Second Directresses, Treasurer,  
Secretary and Twelve Managers were present:

Voted

That all bills be paid.

Voted

That Miss Brown and Miss Phillips be the Committee for  
the next month.

The Large children and the Davis children had been  
admitted. Conner's place had been taken by a Miss <sup>Mason</sup> Davis,  
who thus far did very well. Alice Broad had gone to  
Miss Robbins's Hospital. Mary Proctor would be eighteen  
in a few days.

Voted

To retain Mary for the present in the asylum and pay  
her \$1.50 a week.

Myrta Kojel was now eighteen and Mrs. Pickering applied  
for another girl. There was however no girl to spare.  
Mrs. Labella McPherson applied for the admission of her  
twins, two years old, now under the charge of the Infant  
asylum.

Voted

That her request be granted and that the children  
be boarded with Mrs. Murray.

Mrs. Locke, a woman well recommended, whose husband  
was either crazy or drunk, applied for the admission of a  
child eight years old; the little girl was now at  
Mrs. Gurnee's home.

Voted

That Adra Jane Locke be admitted.

Miss Sherman had now returned from her vacation.  
A substitute had been hired in her absence, but she  
proved so slow that it had been necessary to hire  
extra help in the cutting.

Thirteen of Lydia's girls were learning to cut  
out underclothes. Thirty six water-proofs and twenty four  
umbrellas had been purchased for the children's use  
on rainy Sundays. Six of the older girls had attended  
Prof. Goodale's lectures on Botany. Two new laundry  
women had been hired, the former one not having  
proved satisfactory.



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Mr. Cruise had been lifting the furnace ashes and wished to be paid \$3.00 a month for this extra work.

Wed

That Mr. Cruise's pay be 18 dollars a month till the furnace fire ceases.

Lida Swift had been brought over from Charleston to spend the day and had enjoyed herself very much.

Miss Terry was very sorry but thought she could not manage the school properly without some slight corporal punishment.

Wed

That Miss Terry carry out her views in this respect for the year.

The Committee thought the Truwer Children needed more instruction in Sewing; they now received it on only two afternoons in the week.

Wed

That the Committee for the next month endeavor to arrange this.

Abbey's School was reported to be in better order but it seemed very desirable that some of her older backward children should receive special instruction in the afternoon, so that they could as soon as possible take their places in the regular school. To accomplish this Abbey must be relieved of some of her other work. This matter also was referred to the Committee for the next month.

Miss Storer reported that Annie Matthews was very troublesome at the Refuge and that they did not wish to keep her.

Wed

That Annie Matthews be sent to Lancaster at such time as Miss Storer shall see fit.

Miss Brown was quite encouraged about Annie Dennis and Miss Ellis had a good report of S. Mary Griffiths.

Mrs. Leman reported that Lida Matthews would soon be eighteen and that Mrs. Greeley had written offering to pay her the \$30.00 but asking that she might go to a good place which opportunity offered. The Managers

~~Nov 1882~~ approved of this arrangement.

Nelly Avery had been behaving very badly. Her aunt Mrs. Forrestall was now willing to take her and it was

Voiced That this offer be accepted.

Voiced That the Committee for the month are empowered to make any arrangements which they see fit for the Christmas entertainment of the children at the expense of the Union.

A Second application from Mrs. Johnson to take Clara Evenson was refused and it was

Voiced That Clara be brought into the asylum before Christmas.

There had been trouble with Miss Oxford who seemed to have misunderstood her position in the house and to have lost her temper.

Voiced That the Trustees make clear to Miss Oxford that an entire alteration in these respects will be necessary if she wishes to retain her place in the asylum.

Miss Paine had plans for the extra building proposed at the last meeting and reported the estimate of the expense the \$3000. It was

Voiced That these plans for enlargement be not considered at present.

The expense of cutting a door from the closet to the yard was estimated at \$50.

Voiced That the Committee for the month consider the advantages and objections in regard to this door and report at the next meeting.

The Committee for the next month were also requested to attend the arrangements with regard to the oversight of the children's singing.

Adjourned - Mary Anne Wales, Secy



Dec. 1882

The Managers held their monthly meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 26.

The First and Second Directresses, Treasurer, Secretary and nine Managers were present.

Voted

That all bills be paid.

Voted

That Mrs. Lyman and Miss Ellis be the Committee for the next month.

Mrs. McPherson had concluded to keep her two little girls for the present.

Miss Clapp applied for the admission of another child, Grace Broscoe, two years old. The mother was a widow with three children; she was at Service.

Voted

That Grace Broscoe be admitted and boarded with Mrs. Murray.

Clara Svenson had returned to the Asylum seemed well and happy.

Voted

Alice Broad had returned from Miss Robbins's Hosp. That Don be sent to Miss Robbins in consideration of the care bestowed upon Alice at the Hospital. Mary, Swan had been ill and the Dr. had discovered heart trouble which would prove fatal before she should grow up.

Mrs. Leach expressed a strong desire to be a teacher and Miss Very thought by and by such a plan would be feasible. It was therefore

Voted

To forward it so far as is consistent with the rules of the Asylum.

Miss Mason wished to take two or three days of her vacation now, which there seemed no objection.

The Committee reported in favor of cutting the new door between the School-room and the Yard as well as of the construction of an outside porch. It was therefore

Voted

That these alterations be made and that the oversight of them be left to Miss Paine.

The additional teaching had made it necessary there more laundry-work, which had accordingly been

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one.

Mrs. Lyman reported that Ellen Avery was with Mrs. Forestall.  
Mrs. Corliss had received a good account of Cynthia Hadley.

Adjourned - Mary Anne Wales, Sec.

List of Girls whose Apprenticeships expired in 1861 & 1862

Caroline E. Warren - Studying at a Seminary

Jane Barker - Married

Mary Jane Marss. Went to her relations. Not heard from.

Emma Mager. Did not do very well

Margaret Scannel. Living out. A valuable girl.

Clara Dodge. Living out. Doing well

Mary Ann Trant. Was very unfortunate. Now at  
Bethesda Refuge.

Ann Wilson. Married. Doing well



Jan. 1883

The Managers held their monthly meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 30.

The First and Second Directresses, Treasurer, Secretary and 11 Managers were present.

Voted  
Voted

That all bills be paid.

That Mrs. Tracy and Mrs. Bullard be the Committee for the next month.

The Committee reported that Mrs. Briscoe had made other arrangements for her little girl.

Mary Moran had been very ill but was now more comfortable. The children had enjoyed their Larchmont Night festival and also another festival at Mr. Hale's Church.

Mr. Augustus Sylvester applied for the admission of his little girl whom he was now boarding in Maine. He had two other children and found it very difficult to get work, so that he could no longer afford to do at this expense. The child's mother was dead.

Voted

That Elsie May Sylvester be admitted.

Mr. Hooker had applied for the admission of his little girl. The child's mother was dead and the step-mother a great invalid. The Committee felt that the child was not receiving proper care. It was therefore

Voted

That Ida May Hooker be admitted.

Miss Wakefield petitioned that \$5 a week be added to her salary.

Voted

That her request be granted.

Miss Stoddard reported that Sadie Whiter was improving.

The Managers were much gratified at the receipt of a crayon portrait of Miss Elizabeth B. Inches, a gift from Mr. Henderson Inches and his two brothers Mr. Martin & Dr. Herman Inches. It was

Voted

That the thanks of the Board of Managers of the Boston Female Asylum be presented to Mr. Inches and his brothers for their very beautiful and acceptable gift of the portrait of their sister.

That the Managers will take great pleasure

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in placing it upon the walls of their parlor, and thus  
Commemorating Miss Inches's loving interest and ef-  
forts on behalf of the orphan.

Adjourned.

Mary Anne Hales, Secretary

Feb. 1883

The Managers of the Boston Female Asylum held  
their monthly meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 27.

The First and Second Directresses, Treasurer,  
Secretary and Ten Managers were present:

Voted That all bills be paid.

Voted That Mrs. Corlidge and Miss Brown be the Comtee  
for the next month.

The Committee reported that - Elsie <sup>Ida</sup> Harker had  
been brought by her father and had much improved  
since her arrival; the child had evidently suffered  
from want of proper care and food. Elsie Sylvester  
had also been received. Alice Broad had gone again to  
the Hospital for treatment. One child, Mary Frances  
Coffeswell had been admitted. The case was a pressing  
one; the father had got a divorce from the mother  
and had not been heard of for two years. The mother  
was a woman of bad habits and seemed to be growing  
steadily worse; the little girl had already suffered  
much from neglect.

Voted That the act of the Committee in admitting Mary  
Frances Coffeswell is approved by the Board.

Mrs. Allen a widow with five children applied  
for the admission of two little girls eight and ten years  
old. Her husband had lost his life in Chicago while  
trying to save others. Since his death she had been obliged  
to work beyond her strength and was much run down.

Voted That Genevieve and Ellen Allen be admitted.

Mr. Crosby of the Children's Mission applied for  
the admission of two children who had been taken  
by a gentleman from an almshouse in New Hampshire.



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As these Children seemed to have no claim on the Asylum the application was refused.

The laundress had left; the table girl had taken her place and a new table girl had been engaged. Five of Lydia's Children had gone down stairs to School, leaving her with twenty-two.

It was reported that Ida Matthews was eighteen, her fifty-dollars had been paid and she had gone to another place.

Miss Sherman had decided to leave the Asylum. The habits of Katy Kirby were reported to be such as to make her stay in the Asylum very demoralizing to the other children. It was therefore

Noted

That her mother, Mrs. Conroy, be requested to remove her immediately.

Frances Whittington was so troublesome that the Committee for the month were requested to see what could be done with her.

The Committee were also requested to see whether sufficient help was given to the Cook.

Noted

Sadie Whiten was reported to be improving. It was that she remain with Mrs. Peabody for six months after the expiration of the present six months.

The Secretary announced the resignation of Miss Phillips on account of her health. This resignation was accepted with deep regret and with the hope that Miss Phillips might some day be strong enough to resume her place on the Board.

Adjourned - Mary Anne Wales, Secy

March  
1883

The Managers held their monthly meeting on Tuesday March 27.

The First Directors, Treasurer, Secretary and Ten Managers were present.

Noted

That all bills be paid.

Noted

That Mrs. Tracy and Mrs. Robbins be the Committee for the next month.

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1883.

The Committee reported that the two Allens had come and seemed the very nice children. The case of some Dickey children who were proposed for admission last summer was mentioned. The circumstances of the family were now somewhat different and the matter was referred to the Committee for the month.

The mother of Katy Kirby had come and taken her from the Asylum, seeming very ready to do so. Mrs. Robbins offered to try to find a place for Frances Whittington; this kind offer was accepted with thanks. Mrs. Pierce was going to move to Reading; she would like to have Almira Bowdoin continue with her if the Managers approved.

Wed

That Almira Bowdoin continue with Mrs. Pierce. A Seamstress who promised very well had been engaged at the Woman's Educational & Industrial Union to take Miss Sherman's place; she was to come on trial for three months.

Mrs. Peabody applied for the payment of \$9.00 a month more. Sadie Whiton appeared in some respects to require more watchful care and some of Mrs. Peabody's time was needed to make and alter her clothes.

Wed

That Mrs. Peabody's request be granted, but that no further rise in pay will hereafter be made.

An application to admit Edith Gibson was made but, as it came from Haverhill N. H., the distance was considered too great, and it was not thought best to give the proposal further consideration.

The playground floor being out of order was referred to the Comtee on repairs.

There had been one case of measles during the month.

Vote

That Miss Mary Ware be invited to fill the vacant place at the Board.

Adjourned  
Mary Anne Hale, Sec.



April 1893

The Managers held their monthly meeting on Tuesday April 24.

The First - and Second Directresses, Treasurer, Secretary and <sup>eleven</sup> ten Managers were present.

Voted

That all bills be paid.

Voted

That Miss Storck and Mrs. Bulard be the Committee for the next month.

There had been more than twenty cases of measles but nearly all the children were now in school again. The Dr. recommended that Mary Moran who was in a very critical condition should be removed to the Country. It was thought that Mrs. Johnson would be willing to take Mary and it was accordingly

Voted

That this arrangement be made if possible. The Dickey's had not come.

Frances Whittington had been taken by Mrs. E. Badger of Everett on trial for three months and the prospect thus far seemed encouraging.

Alice Broad had returned from the Hospital and seemed nicely. She had been for three weeks at the Temporary Home on account of the measles at the Asylum.

Voted

That twenty five dollars be given to the Hospital and ten dollars to the Temporary Home in consideration of the care bestowed on Alice Broad.

Miss Oxford had worked very hard during the illness of the children and needed a few days rest.

Voted

That three or four days rest be granted to Miss Oxford.

The Committee had been much pleased with the orderly condition of the dining room.

Voted

That a new Carpet be bought for the Matrons' room.

It was felt necessary to do something if possible in regard to the houses on Loring Pl. and the matter was left to the committee of the month.

Mrs. Johnson of Auburndale, who had formerly applied to adopt Clara Svenson, now thought that she

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1883 might-like Edith Gibson and wished her to come for a week's visit; her little Sister would perhaps be invited with her.

Voted That Mrs. Johnson's request be granted.  
A young girl had been engaged as a servant - the Cook and it was

Voted To retain her services for another month.

Voted That the Committee for the month have an interview with Miss Sherman and hear any statements she may have to make about the affairs of the household.

Voted That Mrs. Henry J. Grew be invited to fill the vacant place at the Board.

Voted That Mrs. Bullard and Mrs. Tracy be the Committee for ~~the next month~~ examining the Treasurer's books.

Adjourned

Mary Anne Wales, Secy

May  
1883 The Managers held their monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 29. The First and Second Directresses, Treasurer, Secretary and nine Managers were present.

Voted That all bills be paid.

Voted That Mrs. Coolidge and Miss Marianne Paine be the Committee for the next month.

The Managers learned with regret that Mrs. Grew, though expressing great interest in the Asylum, was obliged to decline a place on the Board on account of her health.

The Committee reported that Mrs. Holloway had been absent a few days on account of the illness and death of her two aunts. Mary Brown was at Mrs. Johnson's and had improved a little. She required a great deal of care both night and day from Mrs. Johnson, who was devoted to her. It was not thought that under these circumstances to - a week for board



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Wed

was sufficient - and it was

That five dollars a week be offered to Mrs. Tolson.  
Lilian McFee had died during the month  
of rheumatism of the heart.

Mrs. McFee, a respectable Scotch woman, a widow  
applied for the admission of two little girls. She had  
three children and could not provide for them. She  
might go to service if her little girls could be taken  
into the asylum.

Wed

That these two children be admitted.

Ella Mines applied for the admission of her daughter  
Alice. She was poor, in delicate health and very  
forlorn. Dr. Cutter hoped the child would prove a  
suitable subject for the asylum but could not  
decide at present.

Wed

That Alice Mines be admitted with the understanding  
that she cannot be retained without Dr. Cutter's approval.

Mrs. Ida Braconer, a widow, applied for the admission  
of her little girl. The child was now on its way from  
Sweden and it was not considered a suitable case.  
The application was therefore refused.

Another application on behalf of a woman who  
had had three illegitimate children and was now at  
the Home for Discharged Female Prisoners was rejected.

Miss Lilian Clarke applied for the admission of  
a little girl whose mother was dying. The child  
was however well cared for by a woman who was  
willing to keep her for the present & the application  
was set aside until the little girl should actually  
need a home.

Frances Whittington had been returned. There were however  
two applications for her. One from Mrs. Newell of Duxbury  
was preferred and it was

Wed

That Frances go to this place on trial.

An application for the admission of children in East-  
Cambridge was received & referred to the Committee of  
the month.

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Miss Very reported that Clara Colon was too dull to learn anything in School. It was thought that with proper training she might be made useful in housework. The matter was left to the Committee with full powers.

Lydia Hapgood requested a few days leave of absence to attend a Convention at Saratoga with a friend.

Voted That her request be granted on condition that these days are considered a part of her four weeks' vacation.

Ella Dodge had received an invitation to spend a few days at Newington.

Voted That the invitation be accepted.

Voted That headstones be provided for the graves in the Asylum lot at Cedar Grove and that the Committee for the month make the necessary arrangements.

Clara Swenson was invited by the Miss Rutters of Hayland to make them a visit in the Summer. This invitation was accepted with thanks.

Dr. Cutler suggested that Ida Hooker who was very delicate would be benefited by going out of town in the Summer.

Voted That the Committee for the month provide a boarding place for Ida in according with Dr. Cutler's suggestion. Some necessary painting and varnishing was left to the Committee on Repairs.

The Committee for the month had been able to do nothing about the houses on Lovering Pl. They had seen Miss Sherman, but she had nothing of importance to tell them about the Asylum.

Voted That the services of the Cook's assistant be retained for the present.

There was some discussion as to the best arrangement to be made for the children during Miss Very's vacation which would last for six weeks. The matter was left to the Committee of the month.

Voted That the children be allowed one day's vacation in July that Miss Very may superintend the opening of a Vacation School.

A copy of an act passed by the Legislature



May, 1883. Granting the petition from the Asylum was read.  
Adjourned.

Mary Anne Wales, Sec.

Voted That Miss Elizabeth Smith be invited to take the vacant place at the Board.

Adjourned -

Mary Anne Wales, Sec.

June, 1883. A monthly meeting of the Managers was held on Tuesday, June 26. The First and Second Directors, Treasurer and eight Managers were present.

Voted That all bills be paid.

Voted That Mrs. Theodore Lyman and Mrs. Arthur J. Lyman be the Committee for the next month.

The two children, Lizzie and Maggie Mc Cormick, admitted last month, had come.

Mrs. Newhall of Durham had changed her mind with regard to taking Frances Whittington and another application had been received for her, but as this did not prove satisfactory, she is still in the Asylum.

Eliza Colon was applied for by Mrs. Holloway's daughter, who did not want her till the autumn. An application for her in the mean time, had fallen through.

Ida Hooker went out of town with Mr. Johnson, June 7. Mr. H. reports Mary Moan as better.

Alice Mims, having recovered from her skin disease, was admitted.

Mrs. Pickering of Huntington, who had Amy Cogel had been apprenticed applied for another girl. Although Mrs. Pickering had done well by the two girls who had been bound to her, it was thought not advisable to let another go there, on account of the number of men employed on the farm. It was therefore



Told that the application of Mrs. Pickering be refused, and that the secretary informed her of the same.

Lizzie Goldthwaite was reported as having been much improved in her talking, to the great surprise and interest of Dr. Blake, whom she had been taken to visit during the month.

Marie Martin's eyes had been very much inflamed, and she had been taken to the Eyes and Ears Infirmary, where the doctor thought the trouble would not prove serious.

Edith Gibson had gone to Mrs. Johnson's for her promised visit.

Mrs. Coolidge had been to see Cynthia Bradley, and spent the night. She reported Cynthia as better off than she seemed. Having found a home with a capable woman, who takes great pains with her, clothes her well, and with whom Cynthia is very happy.

Many Proctor is much disappointed at losing the place at Miss Lusk's, to which she had looked forward. A Miss Dennis of New Haven applied for her, and came to see her, but has not since been heard from.

A letter was received from a Mr. Price, requesting that the Davis children might be returned to their mother, and guaranteeing that they should receive sufficient food, shelter, and clothing. Miss Price had been to see Mrs. Davis, and was not favorably impressed by the appearance of things. She also saw Mr. May, who said the mother was much grieved that the younger child was beginning to forget her, and he thought it best the children should be returned to her. He agreed to see that they were well cared for. At Miss Price's recommendation it was decided that Lizzie and Fannie Davis be returned to their mother, at the end of the summer vacation, provided the mother be then living in



suitable rooms, and provided that - a ~~suitable~~  
a proper person - adult - be procured to take  
care of the children, when the mother is ab-  
sent at work.

Miss Sharpgood had been to Liatoga, and  
returned.

With regard to school during Miss Fay's  
six weeks vacation, the committee reported,  
that the children were to have a vacation  
for the first and last of the six weeks,  
and that they had engaged a Mrs. Drake,  
recommended by Miss Fay, to teach the chil-  
dren during the other four weeks. Her com-  
pensation was to be \$80.00, and the hours were  
to be from 10 to 12 A. M., and 2 to 4 P. M., with  
no school on Wednesday and Saturday after-  
noons.

As Friend's Day fell this year on July 4,  
Mrs. Holloway thought it an inconvenient  
time, and Mrs. B. had written to the friends  
to say that the last Wednesday in June would  
be substituted.

The Committee had been to Cedar Grove  
Cemetery, and had arranged that the grave-stones  
to be placed in the Asylum lot should be  
of marble, with rounded tops, and have the  
name inscribed, with the year of birth and  
that of death. The whole expense was to be  
\$7.00 each.

Mrs. Watson found her refrigerator not large  
enough, and a new one had been bought, and  
placed in the entry, near the kitchen. Also  
two dozen related tea-spoons had been purchased.

A new floor had been laid in the play-room,  
the kitchen floor had been oiled, the stairs painted,  
and the paint had been re-touched in many places.

It was reported that Mrs. Holloway would take a  
part of her vacation in July, and a part in Septem-  
ber.

A new satisfactory account was received of  
Amos Parker from Mr. Thomas Hubbard, and the  
committee was requested to reply to the letter.

A note was received from Miss E. H. Smith,  
declining to serve on the layman board, as she  
said she should not be able to devote the  
 requisite time to it. It was

Told That Miss Brown write to Miss Abigail L.  
Meyler, and ask her to fill the vacancy on  
the board.

Mrs. Robbins, having asked leave to take  
some of the children into the country, for a  
vacation during the summer, it was

Told That the thanks of the Board be given to  
Mrs. Robbins for her generosity, and kindness  
to the children, and that her offer be accepted,  
preference being given to those children who do  
not go out of town last summer.

Adjourned.

Harriet L. Brown,  
Sec. for. term.

July, 1883.

A monthly meeting of the Managers was held  
on Tuesday, July 31. The first and second Vice-  
presidents, Treasurer, and eight Managers were present.

Told That all bills be paid.

Told That Mr. Robbins and Miss Kim be ad-  
mitted for the month.

The committee on food and clothing made re-  
ports of clothing had been made for the children  
— summer garments which the doctor thought were  
all right, and suitable for the summer season.

Miss Smith advised for the admission  
of the children to the summer school, as the  
children had not returned again, no more  
could be taken.

Lastly, the committee on the children in  
the summer school were asked to come with



5 yrs. old. the mother is in consumption, and the  
father is now dead. They are Americans, and  
the father will have to take care of the girls,  
the girls are provided for. It was

Admitted. The mother and father were both  
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to the orphanage. This was her first application  
and she was out at service, the

Admitted. That the application of Miss Sims be referred  
to the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors  
was then in session and the application of the  
mother of George Mitchell was also referred to the  
Board. The mother is now in the  
Cambridge almshouse, and the younger with a  
very kind woman, who only proposed to keep her  
for a year. Mr. Tynan had thoroughly investi-  
gated the case, and it was

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when she took her other daughter and it was

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— from Rev. L. P. Smith, Master, Mrs. — Sims  
subscribed by good recommendations, it was

Admitted. That Francis Thibault go to Rev. Mr. Smith.  
A Mrs. Nichols of Brookline was referred as being  
referred for Mattie Brown, for adoption; but the  
Board of Directors was not in favor of it, as the  
mother was not in the best of health, and the  
father was not in the best of health.

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the morning, and was very much surprised to find  
that the same was not the case, and that the  
water was not so hot as it had been the day before.

But when I went to the bath of the same  
day, I found it was not so hot.

The same report that the water was not so hot, as  
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...and the ... was ...  
...much pleased with the ...  
...and intelligence of the children.

The children had all visited the dentist, who  
and then both in uncommonly good ...  
...had been on several excursions, while the  
...enjoyed riding, and is one of the ...  
...the ...

...each having been invited to ...  
...in ... Boston, with a ...  
Told it was — that this invitation we accepted.

Mrs. ... reported that Lillie (Doran,  
... had ... had  
a good place, and had written to her for ...  
... a friend.

... Frances ... had been brought in to  
... the ...

A note had been ...  
from Miss ... accepting of ...  
the office of Manager. / See ...

A meeting of the Managers of the ...  
... was held Aug. 28, 1885. ...  
... and six Managers were present.

That all bills be paid.  
... that ...  
... for the ...

Mrs. ... having presented ...  
... it was  
... the ...

It was reported that Lillie Mc Elroy had gone to her  
mother, and that the children of ...  
had come. The children of Mr. ... had not come,  
... the ...

... the ...  
... the ...



Mr. Francis B., and Mrs. Laura S. Fidler of Boston.  
Mrs. Robbins knew Mr & Mrs. Fidler, and felt that  
it would be a good place; it was the only

place that young people had known to be the best place.  
Mrs. Fidler, where the first had lived,  
thought she should like another girl in the way  
Autumn, and it was

Voted That Mrs. Glidden may take Ida Brewster, if she  
wishes her.

Many Proctor had gone to live with a Mrs. Brown  
of Boston, and was pleased with the place.

Miss Faine had heard that the matter of Little  
and Katie Davis was intemperate, and thought it  
the best to have her see Mr. Fay, the person who  
was to visit Mrs. D., if the children were returned  
to her. It was

Voted That this case be left to the committee of the month.  
It was also

Voted That Ella Dodge and Annie Emerson be taken  
to the house.

Mrs. Holloway thought it best that the girls who  
are bound to the house should do their own washing,  
and the ladies approved highly of this arrangement.

A large number of children had gone from the  
Primary Department into the main school.

Little Jones had been to visit her father, cousin,  
in the summer.

Mrs. Sears sent a letter which she had received  
from Mrs. Turnbull, with whom Lizzie Brewster was.  
Lizzie's time of instruction had expired, and Mrs. Turnbull  
had paid the fifty dollars to the system. What  
a happy and very rich girl for a girl of her age, and  
Lizzie was very rich. Mrs. Turnbull had said that Lizzie  
had Lizzie remain here a year longer, if she would  
promise to do better, and Mrs. Turnbull was glad to  
have a decided improvement. Mrs. Sears had also  
received a very good account of Miss Brewster.

Miss Shaw reported by letter that Annie Brewster

had been sent to the Ferring asylum, and was improving. There was also a slight improvement reported in Fannie Whitton.

I note that the ladies have been sending the ladies for the sum of money sent from the funds of the Asylum, for the maintenance of her education.

Mrs. Holloway thought that the health of six of the children required a fortnight's vacation in the country. It was accordingly

ordered that the six children mentioned by Mrs. Holloway be sent to Mrs. Holson's, for a fortnight.

The children had been to Allandale Springs on a picnic. Some of them had been to Charleston, had visited Bunker Hill Monument, and had been on board the U. S. ship "Rabash". Ten of the older girls were also attending the Old South Lectures.

There had been a good deal of noise during the month, in the houses in the vicinity, particularly on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday nights. Last night the screaming had been so loud as to awaken the children. Application had been made to Mr. Shaw, of the Society for the Suppression of Vice, and he had spent one night here, with three detectives. The result of their observations was the obtaining of sufficient evidence to break up the house.

Mr. Kense, long employed by the Asylum, had declined working for the Institution any longer.

Adjourned.

A. L. Brown, Secy.



Sept. 1883.

The monthly meeting of the Managers was held at 19 Brimley St - on account of a bad sore throat & possibility of diphtheria at the <sup>case of</sup> asylum.

The First-Directress, Treasurer, Secretary and Ten Managers were present.

A note was read from Mrs. Lyman in answer to one from Mrs. Gordon. While thanking the ladies for their expressed desire that she should retain her place she felt it unwise to do so & repeated her decision to resign. It was therefore

Resolved That Mrs. Lyman's resignation be accepted with deep regret; that a note to that effect be sent to Mrs. Lyman from the board together with their thanks for her long & faithful services.

Mrs. Robbins for the Committee reported that - Brent's Sore throat had not proved to be a case of diphtheria. School had begun and Mrs. Robbins mentioned certain improvements which she had seen in the management. Six girls had been in the County for their fortnight's detention. Mary Mason had somewhat improved and might live for several years.

Resolved That the Committee for the month make inquiries and report whether Mary would better remain at Mrs. Tolson's or whether some less expensive arrangement should be made.

Mary Proctor had not done well at her place and had been dismissed. She was now staying with Miss Lord. Mrs. Davis was not thought by Mr. Fay to be a suitable person to have the care of her children & it was

Resolved That they remain in the asylum.

Frances Whittington had gone on trial to Mr. J. C. Smith of Worcester. She had proved untrustful and disobedient & had been returned. She was now at the Children's Mission but Mrs. Robbins had found a place for her with Mrs. Wilson who lived on the border of Sudbury on a farm & who was known by Mrs. Robbins and Mrs. Sears.

Resolved That Frances go on trial to Mrs. Wilson.

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Fanny Byers had gone to Mrs. Ripley in Boston & thus far the arrangement had proved satisfactory.

Annie Matthews had decided at the Maine Asylum & was now ready for a place.

Voted

That Annie be boarded with Miss Lippes or with some other suitable person until a place can be found. Mary Keil had run away from her place and her friends considered that she had been ill-treated. Her uncle wished to take her and the matter was left in the hands of the Committee.

The mother of Silvan Godwin had now decided that she must give up her child. She had an intemperate husband, step-father to the children, and was obliged herself to be out of the house at work. Her plan would be to go to Seaside with her younger child.

Voted

That Silvan Godwin be admitted. A new drop-light was needed and was left to the Committee. It seemed that a better arrangement in regard to the washerwomen's meals might be made and this matter also was left to the Committee.

It was thought that Mrs. Glidden might prefer Lizzy Broad to Ida Brenton and it was therefore

Voted That she may take either girl according to her preference.

Some statements were made in regard to improper persons visiting the children on Friend's Day. It was

Voted That a list of all persons visiting the children be kept and that the Committee confer with Mrs. Holloway on this subject.

Adjourned

Mary Anne Stiles, Sec.









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The Annual Meeting of the Boston Female Asylum was held at the Asylum on Tuesday Oct. 30.

The Services were Conducted by Rev. Edw. E. Hale who opened the meeting with prayer and baptised the Children whose names follow: Harriet Lavinia Crockett, Susan May Davis, Lillie<sup>A</sup> Beck, Julia May Lowe, Bertha B. Lowe, Elsie May Sylvester, Mary Frances Coffeswell, Alice Minos, Ann Elizabeth Hiscock, Mary Janet Hiscock, Mabel Frances Myers.

The Secretary read the following report: We have called our Anniversary meeting a month later than usual. Boston lives out of town so far into the autumn that for several reasons it has seemed wise to make the change. We are thankful to report our household as thriving under good and kindly government in the departments both of home and school. Those on whose guidance the welfare of the children most depends are still in charge of the work committed to them. The Board of Managers however has not been spared from losses, but misses two faithful members, on whose work they much depended. Miss Phillips left us many months ago on account of her health, and now we must do without the valuable services of Mrs. Theodore Lyman, whose energy wise counsels were a great reliance.

In looking through the monthly record to gather up anything which may be of interest - those who attend the Annual Meeting of the Asylum little seems to meet the eye except the constantly repeated note for the admission of children. It is difficult to account for the number of applications during the last year. The "times" so far as the working population is concerned were surely better rather than worse last winter, and yet the calls upon us to take in forlorn children were incessant. All the names of those who were admitted we are sure represent a real need, which



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Could have been met - so well in no other way. It has by no means fallen into the habit of admitting all children for whom the request is made. We might in that way undertake the work which belongs to other States, even to other Countries. For one Child was offered to us, who was at the time living in Sweden. We have no desire to take those who can be otherwise provided for, but children must not be left to starve, or worse than wild through the streets. After a careful sifting down eighteen applications remained, whose claims upon us we judged to be good; and eighteen children have been taken in. This liberal admission has made our family larger than we like, especially as only four girls have left the Asylum this last year. It now numbers eighty-four children. We are sure that in many respects a smaller one is better, but our house was built by those who believed in large numbers under one roof, and, as we have inherited a building of this capacity, we cannot refuse to fill it, when there is need to do so. When fathers are insane, or when mothers can go, alone or with one child, to service if we will care for the rest, we do not think it right to turn the applicants away.

Our large family increases our expenses and moreover dividends have shrunk, so that for the first time in many years we have a little over-run our income, not so much so however that by economy here and there we cannot make it even for another year. It is not our main work to take babies or very young children aboard and that undertaking must for a time at least be abandoned. All our small boarders are in this building, and we shall not increase our expenses by taking any more for the present. We have many bills for boarding children, which we cannot so easily get rid of. Some children are delicate and require at least a summer outing. One very frail child must in all probability have a permanent boarding place in a pleasant country home. There are others who require the board



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for less satisfactory reasons. We have tried the experiment - at considerable expense for more than one girl, whom we found it necessary to separate from her companions here. Instead of transferring such to the City or State Institutions, which we should probably have done a few years ago, we have tried the modern plan, which has been known in many cases to work well, and have paid a good price for reformatory care in a private family. We regret that thus far our experiments have proved only partially successful after long and patient trial. We can only say in these cases that no known curative measures have been neglected, but as in the body, so in the mind and heart, the healing power seems sometimes to have <sup>been</sup> put out of the reach of men. Not always so however. Some girls about whom we have been much discouraged seem after due time or under more encouraging conditions to come to themselves and do better. May the number of such increase year by year. We are sure it will be your prayer as well as ours.

The Prizes were given by the First Directress to the following girls.

Ruth A. Graves received a prize of Six Dollars as the most deserving girl. Annie Martin received a prize of five dollars for Faithfulness, Helpfulness. Frances S. Pannell the same for Faithfulness; Mary E. Leach for Improvement in Household Duties; Ella E. Dodge for Continued Improvement; Laura H. Martin for Kindness to the Little Children; Mary J. Anderson for General Improvement; Margaret Selvig for being the Best Little Girl; Ida S. Brenton for Good Behavior.

Rev. Edw. E. Hale and Rev. Rufus Ellis both said a few words to the children and the exercises, which had been interspersed with frequent songs and recitations by the children, closed with a benediction from Mr. Hale.

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The Subscribers having been invited to affirm the Managers' from the following list of Officers and Managers was chosen.

First-Directress

Mrs. Azias Goodwin

Treasurer

Miss Sarah C. Paine

Secretary

Miss Mary Anne Wales

### Managers

Miss H. L. Brown

Miss M. C. Myster

Mrs. Otis Bullard

Miss Sarah C. Paine

Mrs. Eliot C. Clarke

Miss Marianne Paine

Mrs. J. Randolph Corlidge

Mrs. Chandler Robbins

Miss Gertrude S. Ellis

Mrs. Philip H. Sears

Mrs. Azias Goodwin

Miss Abby M. Storr

Mrs. Arthur J. Lyman

Mrs. F. U. Tracy

Miss Mary Anne Wales

### Managers' Meeting

The First-Directress, Treasurer, Secretary and Ten Managers were present.

That all bills be paid.

Voted  
Voted

That Mrs. Corlidge and Miss Ellis be the Committee for the next month.

The Committee reported that Dr. Cutter thought it very important for Mary Mowen to remain in her present place. It was accordingly

Voted

That this be done.

Miss Storr reported that a place had been found for Annie Matthews but she did well in it but a very short time, a boarding place had been found for her temporarily. Now a married brother who lived in Blossom St. and sent very good recommendations was desirous to have his sister live with him.

Voted

That Annie Matthews be placed in charge of her brother Mr. Geo. L. Matthews.

Mary Neil had gone to live with her uncle and aunt. Mrs. Glidden had preferred Lizzy Board and Miss Brown ahead to her friend.



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Moved

Some of the household had been ill; among others Miss Verry who had been out of School a week. That this week's absence be not deducted from Miss Verry's vacation.

Application had been made for two children of Mrs. Nelson who was represented as a very deserving woman deserted by her husband. Mrs. Nelson had gone to N. Jersey to live at service, leaving four children. Two of these had been taken by people in Quincy and the plan was to place the remaining two in some Institution. An application had also been made for them at the Children's Friend Society - it was to await the decision of this Society - before considering the matter further.

Moved

Trouble was reported in the water pipes into which large numbers of fishes gained admission. This matter was left to the Committee on repairs to decide on the best remedy after consulting with Mr. Eliot C. Clarke.

The ventilation in the School room was stated to be very bad and the Committee had heard from Miss Peabody that new methods were to be tried in the Public Schools.

Moved

That the Committee for the month make inquiries as to these new methods and report at the next meeting.

Moved

That Mrs. Holloway be requested to supervise the furnace and to consider herself responsible for the regulation of the heat.

There seemed some difficulty in the division of duties among the various members of the household and it was

Moved

That Miss Brown, Mrs. Clarke and Miss Store be a Committee to consider these difficulties and their remedy and report at the next meeting.

The Treasurer's Report was read.

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Treasurer's Report Oct. 20, 1883

Cash on hand Oct. 18, 1882

1746.77

Received Income

Interest - Mass. Hosp. Life Ins. Co.	16.00
" " " " " Appleton Fund	40 -
Dividends on Bank Stock	3243 -
Taxes on Bank Shares refunded by the State	1002.25 -
Dividends on Railroad Stock	3945 -
Interest on Railroad Bonds	2830 -
Dividends Lawrence Gas Co.	1530 -
" " " " " Cocheco Co.	25 -
Interest on mortgage of V. Hession	150 -
" " " " " deposits in Savings Banks	733.11
Subscriptions	102
Sale of old books	<u>5.50</u>
	15203.86

Also rec'd Stock dividend 2 <sup>6</sup>/<sub>10</sub> Shares  
Boston & Albany R. R. Co.

Received Principal

Deposit withdrawn from Institution for Savings in Roxbury and Vicinity	551.05 -
Withdrawn from Provident Institution for Savings	<u>717.15 -</u>
	1268.20
	<u>16220.83</u>



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## Expenses Chargeable to Income

Provisions	5307.24
Salaries & Wages	4,448.83
Clothing	1,684.39
Furniture	377.78
Repairs	1,127.56
Incidental Expenses	1,187.64
Fuel	786.62
Orders to the Nation for the use of the Asylum	150. -
Board of Children	776.97
Prices	46. -
Insurance	45. -
	<hr/> 16,138.05

## Payment on account of Principal

Paid for 14 Boston & Albany R. R. rights	241.33
Cash deposited in Old Boston National Bank	1841.45
	<hr/> 18,220.83

## Stock Account

Mass. Hosp. Life Insurance Co.	40,000 -
" " " Appleton Fund	1,000 -
" " " Bank Stock	50,200 -
170 Shares Lawrence Gas. Co.	17,000 -
1 Share Cocheco Co.	500 -
30 Shares Boston & Albany R. R. Co.	3,000 -
200 " Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R. R. Co.	20,000 -
345 " Atchafalpa, Iowa & Santa Fe R. R. Co.	27,945 -
7 " Fitchburg	700 -
1 " Boston & Lowell	500 -

Oct. 1883	Connecticut & Passumpsic Rivers R. R. Bond	1000.-
	Chicago Burlington & Quincy R. R. 7 <sup>th</sup> Bond	7000.-
	" " 4 <sup>th</sup> Denver Extension..	1680.-
	Burlington & Missouri Land Grant Bonds - Loring Fund	7000.-
	Burlington & Missouri in Nebraska R. R. Bonds	6000.-
	Illinois Grand Trunk " "	1000.-
	Boston & Albany " "	7000.-
	Philadelphia Wilmington & Baltimore " "	6000.-
	Fitchburg " "	8000.-
	Note & Mortgage of V. Hession	2500.-
	Deposit - in Suffolk Savings Bank	12,963.67
	" " President Institution for Savings	4,742.41
		<hr/> 225,731.08

Errors Excepted

Sarah C. Paine

Treasurer Boston Female Asylum

Voted That - Mrs. Tracy and Mrs. Bullard be appointed a Comtee to examine the Treasurer's books.

Adopted

Mary Anne Hales, Sec.

Nov. 1883 The Managers' Meeting was held on Tuesday Nov. 27.  
The First Directresses, Treasurer, Secretary, and Twelve Managers were present.

Voted That all bills be paid.  
Voted That - Mrs. Tracy and Miss Brown be a Comtee for the next month.

The Comtee reported an application from Mrs. Henson for the admission of two children. The woman stated that her husband drank and that she had been obliged to leave him on that account; the Comtee however found that the neighbors did not give Mrs. Henson a very



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good character. The case did not seem a good one & it was  
to refuse the application.

Lizzie Anderson was reported to be very backward and  
Miss Very thought that more might be done for her at  
the School for Feeble minded Youth. The Managers  
however felt so sure that the child was not sufficiently  
deficient to be taken there that they decided not to file  
out any application for her.

Telegraph wires were reported to have been placed round  
one of the trees in the front yard, thereby endangering  
the health of the tree. It was

Met

That Mr. Vaine as lawyer to the Acyllum be requested  
to communicate with the agents of the two Companies  
concerned and apprise them that legal measures will  
be taken against them if the nuisance is not  
removed.

Mrs. Holloway had made a large purchase of shoes from  
a firm in Providence, which she had obtained  
them at a much cheaper rate than those bought from  
Ridson.

Dr. Cullen had recommended eyeglasses for several of the  
children.

The Managers learned with deep regret that Miss  
Very proposed to resign her place as teacher, thinking  
that she should prefer again to work in the Public Schools.

Met

That Mrs. Gordon and Miss Brown be appointed a  
Committee to confer with Miss Very and endeavor to alter  
her decision. The Committee have full powers to make  
any changes deemed by them desirable.

The darkness of the School room in the afternoon being  
complained of it was

Met

To close School at four o'clock instead of half past  
four for the present.

The new Schedule prepared by the Committee was read  
& approved. It was decided to put it in practice and  
if any difficulties should be found to arise in the  
working of it, to consider them at the next meeting.

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One of the features of the Schedule was to give more employment in housework to the older girls and thus to without one of the hired assistants.

Miss Brown wished to consult the Board as to the Children's Christmas entertainment. The matter was referred to Miss Brown with full powers.

Voted

That the next monthly meeting be held on Wednesday Dec. 26, Tuesday being Christmas Day.

Adjourned -

Mary Anne Wales Sec.

Dec. 1883

The Managers held their monthly meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 26.

The First Directors, Treasurer, Secretary and Twelve Managers were present.

Voted

That all bills be paid.

Voted

That Mrs. Sears and Miss Ellis be the Comtee for the next month.

The Comtee were pleased to report - that Miss Verry found the work so much lightened by taking off the half hour from afternoon school that she had concluded to stay. Lydia also had offered to take some of the younger children to instruct, her own labors having been lightened by the new plan of employing certain girls in housework. Mary Leach too was now to read and correct some of the children's exercises.

Mr. Lambrecht - wished to take his two children; he was a baker and well able to support them; he said that he had been discomfited after his wife's death, but was now remarried and in good work.

Voted

That Mr. Lambrecht's request be granted.  
An application to adopt Alice Broad was received but was refused.

Some relations of Sadie Whiton named Belton, living in Rochester, N. H., expressed a willingness to take charge of her.



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The matter was left to the Comtee with Miss Stord to decide, with the understanding that Sadie should go if they were satisfied with the references.

Miss Parkman applied for the admission of a child a year and a half old. Some of the Managers did not think it right to take a child to board as the expenses had last year exceeded the income. After some discussion it was

Vote That if Miss Parkman can arrange for the child till she is two years old the Asylum will then assume the charge of her.

The table girl had been dismissed and the house-work of the five older girls was so far successful. Some alterations in the Schedule had been made.

A Stereopticon had been obtained for the children's Christmas entertainment - and the children had been much pleased with the views. Miss Brown had staid till the younger children were put to bed and was much satisfied with the methodical and watchful arrangements.

Miss Paine reported that one of the wires had been removed from the tree; the other would be taken off as soon as another arrangement - could be made for it.

At the end of the meeting Annie Mauston, who had expressed a desire to see the Managers, came in and thanked them for all that had been done for her at the Asylum.

Adjourned -

Mary Anne Wales, Sec.

List of Girls who completed their apprenticeship  
during the year 1883.

Ida M. Matthews. At Service in Boston. Doing well.

Lily Rowen. At Service. Doing well

Sophia Barker. In the Country with her married Sister.

Jan. 1884

~~The~~ First Directress, Treasurer, Secretary and Twelve  
Managers were present.

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That all bills be paid.

That Mrs. Bullard and Mrs. Lyman be the Committee  
for the next month.

The Committee reported that the Children had gone  
to the Foreign Exhibition, had enjoyed several Holiday  
entertainments, besides a sleigh ride and that twenty  
six of them went once a week to singing practice  
at Mr. Hale's Church. The Committee had found  
the House in a satisfactory condition. Mr. Cruse had  
suddenly given up the care of the furnace and a new  
Choreman had been engaged who did his work thus far  
in a satisfactory manner, but was found to be at times  
inclined to drink and gambling. Mr. Cousins, an English-  
man who had lately come to this Country was a Candidate  
for the place; this man appeared well and had made a  
favorable impression on those who had known him since  
his arrival, but unfortunately brought no recommend-  
ations from England. After some discussion the majority

Wed

That the Services of the present Choreman be dispensed  
with and that the Committee for the next month are  
authorised to engage Mr. Cousins or to secure the Services  
of some other man.



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Annie Marston was still in the Asylum, no place having been found for her. Minnie Clark had been with her mother's approval transferred to another place.

Mrs. Waterbury from East Boston had applied for the admission of two sisters whom she wished not to separate. Their mother was dead and their father a drinking man. The Committee had thought the elder child too old & the matter was dropped. As it appeared the age of the child was not beyond our limits it was

Voted

That the Committee for the month are authorized to admit these children, if they are still unprovided with a home. An application for Lotty Howenden was made by some of her friends, but the place not being deemed a suitable one the application was refused.

Miss Vary had suddenly left. A young lady recommended by Miss Crocker, Miss Mary Morrison, had come to take temporary charge of <sup>the school</sup> and proved very satisfactory. The question again came up as to the children attending the public school. A proposal was made that those under twelve who were fitted to enter the grammar school should be sent and a teacher engaged for the younger ones who should also instruct those over twelve for three hours in the afternoon, they being employed in housework and sewing in the mornings. There was much difference of opinion as to this plan. A Committee was appointed to make investigations as to the advantages and disadvantages of such a plan, with power to call a special meeting if in their judgement it should be necessary.

Very good reports were received of Annie Dennis, Mary Round and Lissy Broad.

A kind invitation was sent from the Working Men's Club that 10 of the children should attend a weekly entertainment there. But as the entertainment was not over till nearly ten o'clock it was

Voted

That the invitation must be declined with thanks.

Adjourned.

Mary Anne Wales, Sec.



Feb. 1884

A Special meeting was called by the Committee appointed to Consider the question of a certain portion of the children attending the public Schools. The meeting was held at 29 Mt. Vernon St. on the afternoon of Friday, Feb. 1.

The First-Directress, Treasurer, and Eleven Managers were present.

The Comtee were not prepared to advocate the proposed measure but did not wish to decide so important a question. They had found that permission <sup>could</sup> be given for the children to attend the Winthrop School, though they belonged in the Franklin district. They had seen Mr. Swan, the head-master, with whom they had been much pleased, as well as with his methods of government. They felt however that by sending the children they would subject them to the dangers of contagious diseases, new influences which might be bad, and trouble from meeting their friends and relations in the street. Mrs. Holloway saw objections to a part of the children being selected to attend the Public School. After a full discussion a decision against the measure was made by a vote of 8 to 5.

Adjourned.

Sarah C. Paine - Secretary, pro. tem.

Feb. 1884 The First-Directress, Treasurer, Secretary and Twelve Managers were present.

Voted That all bills be paid.

Voted That Miss Brown Mrs. Clarke be the Comtee. for the next month.

The Committee reported that Cousins, the English-man, had been engaged as choroman and had thus far done very well. Mr. Shaw from Raynham had been at the Asylum and said that Henrietta Howe who had been bound to him was still living in his family, she being now twenty-eight years old. Miss Morrison the temporary teacher had gone and her younger sister had been engaged to take charge of her the School. It was

Voted That Miss Morrison's salary be six hundred dollars.

Four of the children who had been troublesome in school



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were brought in & be reprimanded. Katy Davis had been very ill from an attack of Croup, but had now recovered.

Mrs. Robbins repeated that Frances Whittington's work was not very satisfactory and that the Lady did not wish to keep her any longer. Mrs. Robbins thought she could get another place for Frances and the Managers were glad to leave the matter in Mrs. Robbins's hands.

Miss Brown stated that Mrs. Pierce could not keep Almira Bowdoin much longer and that some temporary arrangement might be needed for her till a permanent one could be made. It was suggested that it might be possible to board her at the Training School connected with the Young Women's Christian Ass.

Noted The Committee on the Schedule wished to make a change in the room used by the Seamstresses for cutting out the work. The alteration was approved & it was decided that the Comtee for the next month see that it is carried into effect.

Noted That Mrs. Holloway write to Annie Burge, a former servant, now in St. Luke's Hospital and inform her that she must not come back to the Asylum.

Noted That on account of the teachers one holiday a month be allowed to the School, including the regular public holidays.

Approved -

Mary Anne Wales, Sec.

March  
1864

The Managers held their monthly meeting on Tuesday  
March 23.

The First Directors, Treasurer, Secretary and ten  
Managers were present.

Voted

That all bills be paid.

Voted

That Mrs. Bullard and Mrs. Tracy be the Committee for  
the next month.

Mr. Harrington the grandfather of Annie Roberts had lately  
inherited a farm in Connecticut, which he and his wife  
would remove from. He brought very good recommendations  
and wished to take his grandchild. He proposed to get  
adoption papers made out, so that the child's mother  
should have no legal claim upon her.

Voted

That Mr. Harrington's request be granted.

Mr. Turnbull wished to take Clara Cole not permanently  
but for a few weeks. The Managers doubted at first  
whether such a plan would be wise, but in view of  
Clara's deficiencies finally decided to try it.

Mr. Walter C. Smith, Deputy Sheriff of Providence, applied  
for Lida Brenton. The recommendations were excellent,  
and Mrs. Holloway knew enough about the place  
to feel sure it would prove an exceptionally good one.  
It was therefore

Voted

That Lida Brenton be bound to Mr. & Mrs. W. C.  
Smith.

An application to take in a child had been received and  
was referred to the Committee for the month.

Another application for the admission of the Heuston  
Children, now in the Church Home, was made. As these  
Children were already provided for, they seemed to have  
no present claim on the Asylum.

John Day, a widower and seemingly a respectable man  
wished to put his little girl into the Asylum. He had  
thought her neglected by his family with whom he had  
placed her, and after quarreling with them had removed  
her to the Temporary Home. He was not able to pay her board.

Voted

That Mary Day be admitted



March 1884 Application was made for the admission of Florence  
Mabel Simmons. Her mother was dead, her father was  
a reckless, drinking man doing nothing for his child, whose  
support fell upon her grandfather and his wife, not even  
grandmother to the little girl. They refused to acknowl-  
edge that she had any claim on them.

Voted That this child be admitted.

Mrs. Aitken wished to take her daughter Melena  
but she was not deemed a suitable person and her  
request was refused.

Miss Mason found her work too hard and had  
resigned. The Committee recommended that Fanny  
Scannell, who was very fond of children, should be put  
into her place and that Laura Martin be bound  
to the house. Both recommendations were approved.

Voted That a note be written by the Secretary to Mrs. Moore  
to inform her that her services will not be required  
and that after four weeks' notice they desire her to find  
another place.

Voted A poor account of Alice Butler was received and it was  
That Mrs. Hollaway go to see Mrs. Arnold and  
ascertain more exactly the state of the case.

The children reprimanded at the last meeting had  
much improved.

Some question arose as to trimming on the dresses of  
the house girls. It was

Voted That such trimming as is put on their dresses be  
made by themselves.

The promise of the Board to educate Mary Leach <sup>to be</sup> a  
teacher was referred to and it was

Voted That Mary shall be allowed to go to the High School next autumn  
if she is able to enter.

As ordered -

Mary Anne Wales, Sec.

April  
1884

The monthly meeting of the Managers was held on Tuesday April 29. The Managers met at Mrs. Gordon's house because there were cases of Scarlet fever at the Asylum.

The First Directress, Treasurer, Secretary and Eleven Managers were present.

Voted

That all bills be paid.

Voted

That Mrs. Corlidge and Miss Vaine be the Committee for the month.

The Committee reported the two cases of Scarlet fever had broken out early in the month and that a third had now appeared. They were all doing well. Miss Oxford had been shut up with the children and had been devoted in her care of them.

Ida Brenton had gone to Providence and a very satisfactory account had been received. Clara Coton was doing well with Mrs. Turnbull, who was likely to keep her for the present. Fanny Scannell was doing satisfaction in her new position. Mary Day and Florence Simmons had been admitted. Mrs. Holloway had been to see Mrs. Arnold and did not think the place altogether a desirable one for Alice Butler, but Alice at present was doing better. Mrs. Clark applied for the admission of her little girl. She wished to put her boy into the Farm School and her <sup>girl</sup> boy into the Asylum and support herself at service. The woman seemed peculiar and rather flighty, and from something which came to the knowledge of the Board concerning her previous history her character seemed more than doubtful. It was

Voted

That the child be admitted.

As Mrs. Grove had been obliged to stay at the Asylum on account of the Scarlet fever it was

Voted

That her services be retained until Sept. 1.

As the Managers feared that the table for the adults at the Asylum was in some respects extravagant and also as complaints regarding it were not infrequent on the part of certain members of the household it was

Voted

That at some suitable time Mrs. Gordon shall speak



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to the employees when assembled at meal time as to the necessity of economy in the table.

Mrs. Robbins reported that Frances Whittington had again been unsatisfactory in her place and asked permission to board her for two weeks with Mrs. Folsom before placing her in another situation.

Voted

That full powers be given Mrs. Robbins with regard to Frances Whittington.

Voted

That Mrs. Tracy and Mrs. Bullard be a Committee for examining the Treasurers' books.

Voted

At the Treasurers' request it was That the Treasurer be and hereby is authorized to sign the Consent of the Managers of the Boston Female Asylum that the 7th Article of the Articles of Association of the Merchants National Bank of Boston, Mass., be so amended as to read as follows: "This association shall continue until close of business June 10, 1904, unless sooner placed in voluntary liquidation by the act of its Shareholders owning at least two thirds of its Stock, or otherwise dissolved by authority of law."

Miss Brown reported that Mary Rounds was eighteen and that her fifty dollars had been paid her. Almira Bowdoin has been boarded with Miss Ayres but at the end of three weeks she had proved so troublesome that Miss Ayres was not willing to keep her longer. She had therefore been transferred to the Children's Mission where a place had been found for her in Walpole, N.H. Miss Stord asked whether she had better place Sadie Whitor at the Mission as some new arrangement would soon be necessary for her. The Managers thought she had better do so.

The Secretary asked the use of one of the rooms at the Asylum during the next winter that a course of five Emergency Lessons might be given for the benefit of the employees and those of some other institutions.

Voted

That the use of a room for this purpose be allowed.

Adjourned -

Mary Anne Wales, Sec.



May  
1884

Voted  
Voted

The First Directress, Treasurer, Secretary and Eight Managers were present.

That all bills be paid

That Mrs. Robbins and Miss Paine be the Committee for the next month.

The Committee reported that the house had been cleaned and purified. Dr. Cutter recommended that the cesspool should be cleaned twice a year. Mrs. Clark had not brought her little girl for admission. Mr. Schwartz was anxious for the admission of a Swedish child whose mother was dead and whose father was unsatisfactory. It was

Voted

That this child, named Georgia Sherman, be admitted. Mrs. Helger, who had been brought up in the Asylum, applied for the admission of her little girl, Lili.

She said that she had been deserted by her husband and thought she could support herself and her baby if she could scatter the rest of her family. This application seemed to need further investigation and was left to the Committee with full powers.

Letty McElroy, who has been given into the care of her mother, was now in need of a place, circumstances having occurred which made it impossible for her mother to keep her. Letty was now fourteen years old and had when in the Asylum been a good girl. An apparently desirable place in Newington, N. H. had offered, on in the family of Rev. Mr. Hoyt, a place highly recommended by Miss Pickering, and it was decided to send Letty to it.

Mrs. Moore was well pleased to stay till September. Dr. Bartlett, who had taken the care of the children's teeth having died, Miss Storer was requested to see his son and ascertain whether he would like to continue the arrangement made by his father.

Mrs. Hollaway and Miss Oxford were very desirous that there should be no vacation school this year, preferring to occupy the children themselves in some other way.



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A note was read from Miss Morrison saying that she felt the need of a longer vacation than that allowed by the Asylum. The Managers did not think a longer vacation wise and on this and some other accounts determined that it would be best to close the engagement with Miss Morrison. They proposed that she should continue to teach till the middle of July, that her vacation should then be considered to begin and that her salary be continued till Sept. 1.

Miss Hapford sent in a letter of resignation, as she felt not strong enough for her work.

Voted That this resignation be not accepted but that Miss Hapford take a rest for two months.

Voted That some suitable person be engaged to stay till Sept. 1 who shall teach the children sewing and also assist in the cutting out of garments.

Voted That the mending of the ~~linen~~, except such as are mended by the children, be again assigned to Abby Wilson.

Voted That a note be written to Dr. Cutler thanking him for his kind and devoted watchfulness during the late illness among the children.

Voted That notes of acknowledgment be written to Mrs. Holloway and Miss Bedford for the very satisfactory manner in which they took care of the children at this time.

Voted That the Committee for the month be directed to thank the five older girls for their ready helpfulness during the Scarlet fever time.

As Annie Marston had lost a place to which she was on the point of going by the breaking out of Scarlet fever, it was

Voted That two dollars a week be paid her for her services during her enforced detention at the Asylum.

Almira Bowdoin had been returned to the Mission but had now gone to another place at Pratt's junction.

A very encouraging letter about Ellen Trant was read.

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1884

In view of the sudden return of older girls who were unsatisfactory in their places and the difficulty of temporarily providing for them at such times it was proposed that the use of a room by the year be secured from some person suitable to board and take proper care of these girls at such times. It was

Voted That Miss Paine be empowered to make such an arrangement if possible.

Adjourned -

Mary Anne Wales, Secretary

June  
1884

The Managers held their monthly meeting on June 24.

The First-Directress, Secretary and Six Managers were present.

Voted That all bills be paid.

Voted That Miss Storer and Mrs. Sears be the Committee for the month.

Mrs. Helpe's little girl was found to have epileptic fits and could not therefore be admitted. Georgiana Sophia Sherman had been admitted.

Letty McElroy had gone to Mrs. Hoyt and had this, <sup>for</sup> some well.

Annie Marston <sup>had</sup> gone to a place in Newton Centre.

Mrs. Moore made application for her daughter Ella but her character was such that her application was refused.

Lydia had written to say that she should not be able to return till Oct. 1 and no objection was made to this arrangement.

Mrs. Thayer had been engaged to take Lydia's place and was thus far satisfactory. A Seamstress had been engaged for a few weeks as the work was much behind hand.

Mrs. Holloway recommended a vacation for the house girls, a week's vacation for some and a fortnight's for others. Permission for this was granted.

Voted That Mary Leach have no house work, except before nine o'clock in the morning and in the middle of the day, so that she may have more time to devote to her studies.



June 1884

Voted That - a young girl be engaged to assist - in the work.

Miss Store sent word that Dr. Bartlett would not have time to attend to the Children's teeth; but he had told her of another dentist - who would be willing to make some arrangement. It was also said that Dr. Cullen thought he could find some dentist - willing to undertake it. The Ladies preferred to avail themselves of Dr. Cullen's offer. Miss Vaine reported that Mrs. Guethin would be glad to make the arrangement - about a room proposed at the last meeting.

Voted That - permission be granted to Mr. Black to board Ada for a while in the Country, provided a suitable place can be found.

Voted That - Clara Svenson be allowed to accept - an invitation from Miss Ruttet to make them a Summer visit.

Application was made by Miss Lowell for the admission of a forlorn little girl named Cooke, only two years old. Mrs. Cooke was a widow and meant to go to Service if she could dispose of her children.

The Comtee. recommended that if possible the Second table should be abolished.

Voted That - the Comtee. for the month consult Mrs. Holloway and put such a plan into operation, if it be found feasible.

Adjourned

Mary Anne Wales, Sec.

July, 1884. The regular monthly meeting was held July 24.  
First Directress, Treasurer, and eight managers  
were present.

Voted. That all bills be paid.

Voted. That Mrs. Lyman and Miss Brown be the  
Committee for the month.

Mrs. Cooke, who applied last month for the  
admission of her little girl, having stated that  
she was sickly, she was told to bring the child  
for Dr. Cutter to examine. She had not appeared.

Many Count, for whom Miss Fawcett ap-  
plied, is at the Children's Friend, where they  
have whooping cough. It was therefore

Voted that the board of this child be paid at the  
Children's Friend, until such time as he thinks  
it safe for her to come here.

It was reported that Dr. Cutter had recom-  
mended Dr. Baker for Dentist - Miss Storv  
had seen him, and he was willing to under-  
take it.

The vacation began the middle of July.  
Miss Storv and Mrs. Sears reported want of dis-  
cipline in the school-room, which extended to  
the house. Mrs. Holloway thought that some  
of the older girls should be put out to service.

Voted An application having been received for a  
girl from Mr. & Mrs. Johnson, Blue Hill Avenue,  
and the references proving satisfactory, it was  
that Annie Leach be bound to Mr. & Mrs. John-  
son.

Three of the little girls were reported to have  
contracted a bad habit, and Miss Storv had  
recommended Mrs. Holloway to apply to Dr.  
Cutter, and ask if he could remove the evil.

Mrs. Watson wanted in another vacation, as  
she did not have her school time last year.  
Miss Storv stated that it would be decided  
at this meeting, so Mrs. W. left a delegate.  
The matter was referred to the next



Told That four weeks be the time of the cook's vacation.

It was arranged to go away with the second table having been tried, and failed, having resulted in the flat rebellion of the ladies, it was Told That the secretary write a note to the ladies, telling her that she is dismissed for disobedience.

Ann Scannell did not prove to have sufficient authority with the older girls, to maintain order, as she became of age, and it was thought best that the committee should find a house for transient cases. It was Told That Miss Broad and Virginia had both been sent out of town for a few days vacation. Rebecca Pitters' grandmother, having applied for permission to take Rebecca away for a week, it was

Told That this request be refused.

It was reported that Mrs. Guething had taken an extra room, \$75 a month, for which she was to pay \$25 a week, and \$5.00 a week, for board & girl as there.

Mrs. Bultner applied for the admission of two little girls one nearly ten, the other three years of age. The mother said last year, and we could make no suitable arrangement for them

Told That Pauline and Harriet Bultner be admitted.

Julia & Harriet applied for the admission of two sisters, Julia - 10 yrs of age, Jane - 7 last. The child was in a chair, and her sister, 17 & 18 yrs. of age, had endeavored to cut her hair, but felt that she needed care which the young working girls could not give her. It was Told That these children be admitted.

Mrs. C. app of C.anton applied for a girl, to be sent to her in September. Mrs. Halling thought some money was to be the price.

...formed her that Mary Griffiths had run away. She had since heard from her that she had found a place in Boston. Mrs. Coburn had written to a ... a meeting, and was to ... was a good one, and if not would find her one, on wages.

Adjourned.

H. L. Brown, Sec. pro. tem.

August, 1884. A meeting of the Managers was held, Aug. 26. Present, ... and ...

Voted That all bills be paid.

Voted That Mrs. Robbins and Miss Faine be the committee for the month.

Application was received from Mrs. E. C. Lowell of Chelsea, to admit a little girl of five years. Mrs. Lowell is a widow, delicate, and with four children to support. Her story was confirmed by Miss Parkman, who represented her as willing to work, and very unwilling to part with her children. It was therefore

Voted That Mrs. Lowell's child be admitted.

Mr. Crosby, from the Children's Mission, applied for the admission of three children — two sisters Alice, and Martha Nichols, and Ethel M. Smith. The Nichols sisters are respectively ten and seven years old, their mother is in service, and is subject to fits or inter-convulsions. The children had been transferred from one institution to another, and it would be much for their good to have a permanent home. Ethel Smith is four years old, with an intelligent mother, who is willing to have charge of her.

Voted That these three children be received.

Mrs. ... applied for the admission of



little girl of four, but as the case did not seem a very pressing one, it was

Collected That Mrs. Fried's request be refused.

Flora Murray, Pauline & Henrietta Brutt-  
on came last night in the month.

Collected Mrs. W. S. Pickering, who had formerly had  
a child, and Mrs. Dodge applied to him for another girl - and as Ellen  
a slave was considered the best girl for the place,  
it was - that Ellen be bound to Mrs.  
Pickering.

Mrs. M. E. Torrance of Pittsburg applied for  
Florence & Rebecca. She wished a young, im-  
mature girl, to live up with her own son, the  
son of her own family. She did not wish her  
to be bound. Mrs. Pickering was much pleased  
with her, and a subsequent letter spoke very  
well for her. Her manners also were very good. Collected

Collected That Anne & Jane & Rebecca be bound to  
Mrs. M. E. Torrance.

Mrs. W. S. Torrance, from St. Cambridge,  
applied for Charlotte & Rebecca. Her family  
consisted of her husband, self, and one little boy  
a year old, with her husband's mother and sister  
as boarders. The committee was much pleased  
with Mrs. Torrance's appearance, and her accom-  
paniment being deemed sufficient, it was

Collected That Charlotte & Rebecca be bound to  
Mrs. & Mrs. W. S. Torrance.

Mrs. Ellen W. Torrance of South Portland  
Maine, having applied for a girl, and it being  
ascertained that she had two boys of fourteen  
and fifteen, it was

Collected That the request of Mrs. Harrar be refused.

Ada Black, having continued to improve in  
health, had leave to remain till Oct. 1.

Henry Griffiths, who had run away from Mrs.  
Coburn of Winton, was reported as living with Mrs.  
Aldrich, at 164 Essex St. Mrs. Aldrich was ill.

ing to give her another trial, though she found her unwilling to work, and too much addicted to the society of the other sex. The Managers thought that if Mrs. Coburn was willing to pay <sup>her</sup> wages, she had better return to her, and Mrs. Robbins volunteered to make the arrangement, if possible.

A good report had been received from T. W. Litch, who was pleased with her labors.

Mrs. Norton having again applied for an extra Sunday morning out, Mrs. Goodwin was requested to say to her, that in justice to the other responsible members of the household, the Managers did not see how her request could be granted. Miss Hapgood was reported as still far from well.

The committee had engaged new nursery girl - Dora Gray, who was doing very well - a new laundress - Christie - and the Committee recommended a new sewing committee and decided to come. They also reported having engaged Miss Ella D. Sumner of Dorchester as teacher. This young lady had taught in an ungraded school, but was highly recommended.

The committee had found ground and cotton.

Mrs. Byers having represented to the managers that her daughter Fanny was ill-treated by Mr. & Mrs. Ripley of Weston, to whom she was bound, and the managers finding that she was not a responsible person, it was decided that Fanny Byers continue with Mr. & Mrs. Ripley.

Adjourned.

H. L. Brown, Sec. M. S. Socy.

An application from Mrs. Sherman for a visit from Mrs. Brown & Maria Robinson was refused.



Sept. 1884 The monthly meeting was held on Tuesday, Sept. 30.  
The First-Directress, Treasurer, Secretary and Ten Managers were present.

Voted That all bills be paid.

Voted That Mrs. Clarke and Miss Ellis be the Committee for the next month.

The Committee reported that <sup>the</sup> a new teacher, Miss Sumner, had been engaged. <sup>had proved very satisfactory.</sup> ~~she had taught in an ungraded school.~~ The children were much interested and the Committee had been much pleased with all they had seen of her. Mary Leach had entered the High School, having passed her examinations very well. Fanny Scamell was doing very well in her place in Concord. Ella Moore had gone to Newington, Florence Macomber to Fitchburg. Charlotte Hovenden had not gone to the place proposed as there had been a misunderstanding about the terms of the indenture. Ethel Smith, Grace Lowell and two Nichols children had all been admitted according to the vote passed. Mary Griffiths had been visited by Mrs. Coburn and been very glad to go back to live with her; thus far since her return she had done well. Fanny Byers had been found very happy in her home with Mrs. Ripley and there was no reason for her mother's interference.

Mrs. Corbush of Middleboro sent good references and wished to take Mercena Litten.

Voted That Mercena Litten be bound to Mr. & Mrs. Corbush Mrs. Capen of Canton whose references were good had applied for a girl.

Voted That if she would like Mary Anderson she have permission to take her.

Mrs. Holbrook of Thompson Conn. applied for a girl. The family was small & no hard work required; references good.

Voted That Ruth Graves be bound to Mrs. Holbrook.

Mr. Barch, a German, would like to take Bertha



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Voted

Johnson, who was not yet twelve years old,

That the Committee make further inquiries as to this place and report at the next meeting.

Mrs. Locke wished to take her daughter Ada, but as she was not deemed a suitable person to have the care of the child it was Voted That Ada remain in the Asylum.

The Children's Mission made application for the admission of Emma Frances and Sabella Nicholls. They were said to be good children and the case seemed urgent, the mother being dead and the father a drinking man.

Voted

That these two children be admitted.

Application was made for the admission of Margaret King, a child three years old. The father had deserted his family and the mother had epileptic fits. Her relations in Maine were willing to care for her and one of her children but could do no more. An aunt might have taken care of Margaret but the husband was not willing, as he had already been at considerable expense for the family.

Voted

That the Committee are empowered to take this child provided the mother will sign the books.

Application for the admission of a child two years old was received and refused. Other unsuitable applications had been received and refused by the Committee.

Voted

That Mrs. Moore receive pay for two extra weeks, this being equivalent to allowing her four weeks' vacation in her year's work.

A new furnace man named Gleason had been engaged. He was recommended by Cousins, who had now found more profitable work.

Sara Gray had not been satisfactory and had left. Miss Goodale was coming to take the place.

Voted

That the privilege of going to Church every Sunday morning be granted to Mrs. Watson.

Ada Black had returned from New Hampshire very well.



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The wire fence was reported broken in such a way as to be dangerous to the children. The matter was left to the Committee on repairs with full powers.

A present of pears had been received from Mrs. Lyman and one of apples from Mrs. Ware.

Miss Sumner wished very much for one more blackboard; a revolving blackboard which seemed the most desirable kind would cost twelve dollars.

Voted That such a one be purchased.

The case of a little girl named Derwood was presented. The father died suddenly leaving several children by a former wife of whom this was one and another set of children by the second wife. The step mother was willing to keep one of the former set of children to bring up with her own and provision could be made for all excepting this child of six. It seemed a good case for adoption and it was

Voted To advise Mrs. Derwood to apply to the Temporary Home; also to give the Committee full powers with regard to the child, in case the application to the Temporary Home is unsuccessful.

A note was received from Lydia Hapford saying that on account of her health she must resign her place at the Asylum.

Voted That this resignation be accepted and that the regret of the Board at her continued ill health be expressed to Lydia, as well as their appreciation of her past services.

Mrs. Thayer who had filled Lydia's place during the summer would like the position permanently. It was decided to give her a trial and to continue the present arrangement by which the sum of \$3- a week was paid her in consideration of her giving assistance in the sewing.

At the request of the Treasurer the following vote was passed.

Sept. 1884

Voted That the Treasurer be and hereby is authorized to sign papers of extension for those National Banks in which the Asylum is a shareholder which may desire it.

Voted The Children having been at various times subjected to serious annoyance while walking in the street from a man living in Indiana St. it was thought necessary if possible to stop such proceedings; it was therefore

Voted That measures to this effect be taken by the Committee provided they can be accomplished without involving the children in any disagreeable scenes in the Court.

Adjourned -

Mary Anne Wales, Sec.

Oct. 1884 The Annual Meeting of the Asylum was held on Tuesday, Oct. 28. The Services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Hale who baptized the following children: Theresa Murray, Georgiana Sophie Sherman, Florence Mabel Simmons, Grace M. Lowell. In the absence of the Secretary the report was read by Rev. Mr. Hale.

The Managers of this Society - the Asylum are glad to report for this old Institution now in its 15<sup>th</sup> year, another twelve months of prosperity and usefulness. If ever they have not been able to attain all their desires on its behalf; difficulties always remain to grapple with, evils to conquer, but on the whole they have far more cause for thankfulness than for discouragement.

When troublousome fits take a turn for the better as they sometimes do, and show that the anxiety and labor expended on them have not been altogether in vain it is even more cheering than to hear as we often do of the 'steady ones' in happy homes, in which even on these days of change we sometimes know of their remaining contentedly year after year, long after the time for which they were expected to stay has expired.

This year we have sent away 13, some of our relations others to places which as far as we could judge, have seemed



Oct. 1884 to be promising above the average. However good these may be, we always feel that the Asylum has more exactly fulfilled its particular mission when it is able to return the children to a parent - or <sup>some</sup> natural guardian. Of course there are many cases when the parent is not a fitting guardian, but when a child can be put into the charge of father or mother, grandmother or aunt there is great satisfaction that we have not broken up any natural <sup>family</sup> ties and that our oversight - and responsibility are ended. In all other cases it is not ended till the girls are eighteen; every girl who leaves the Asylum to go among strangers has a guardian among the Managers who interests herself in her behalf, knows of her welfare, and endeavors in many ways to advise and befriend her.

The number of children admitted since the last Annual Meeting is 12 and many applications have been refused where the need seemed less pressing or where other Institutions could more properly do the work. It may at first sight seem that in Boston many Institutions have been established for the same or similar objects; but a close examination will show that every one has its own sphere and does a work a little different from all the rest. They can often help each other and we think our Sister Institutions will bear witness that where their labors for forlorn little ones have needed supplementing by the Asylum it has never been backward in lending its aid.

So large a family as this, 82 is the present number, need many able persons to teach and direct them; every year naturally brings some changes among these. This year among others we have lost the services of one whose early childhood was spent in the Asylum and who since she reached womanhood remained where she herself was trained to assist in the training of others, till ill health consequent on a severe illness obliged her to resign her place. We have had other changes, but we would thankfully say that we have succeeded in securing the services of those who have the true welfare of the children at heart.

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The Asylum children have on the whole for many years not only enjoyed general good health, but a singular freedom from epidemic diseases. Last Spring the Managers were somewhat startled to hear that Scarlet fever had broken out at the Asylum. The Scattering which in private-families now generally accompanies the appearance of this dread disease was not possible here. All available precautions were however taken and, owing to the devoted watchfulness of those in charge, the careful attention and direction of our kind physician and the merciful Providence of God the disease was confined to a very few who all recovered.

We think our children are as healthy as if they were in a Country home, and we much prefer a position so near the homes of the Managers as to make their constant access and oversight a comparatively easy matter to them. That we should prefer a different neighbourhood is undeniable; there are serious objections to our present location. But we must wait - probably till a fortune is bequeathed to the Asylum by some of its old friends; when that day comes we hope that a new estate - beautiful and convenient - will be found lying ready to our hand.

Mary Anne Wales Sec.

The prizes were awarded by the First Directress as follows.

To	Laura M. Martin	as	The Most-Deserving Girl	6-
"	Mary E. Leach	for	Helpfulness especially in sickness	5-
"	Ella E. Dodge	"	" " " "	5-
"	Anna Cameron	"	" " " "	5-
"	Madeline Alice Broad		Improvement	5-
"	Charlotte E. Novenden	"	Promptness in Study	5-
"	Anna F. Martin	"	Obliging Disposition	5-
"	Anna Kirby	"	Care-taking & Helpfulness	5-
"	Clara Hampstead	as	Best Little Girl	5-

The exercises were diversified with several songs sung by the children. After their conclusion the subscribers



Oct. 1884 adjourned to the Managers' Room and made the following election.

First-Directress - Mrs. Elias Goodwin  
Treasurer - Miss Sarah C. Paine  
Secretary - Miss Mary Anne Wales  
Managers

Mrs. F. U. Tracy	Miss H. L. Brown
Mrs. Philip H. Sears	Miss Gertrude S. Ellis
Mrs. Otto Bullard	Mrs. Eliza C. Clarke
Miss Marianne Paine	Mrs. Arthur J. Lyman
Miss Abby M. Storer	Mrs. J. Randolph Coolidge
Mrs. Chandler Robbins	Miss M. C. Myster.

### Managers' Meeting

Present - First-Directress, Treasurer, and nine Managers.

Voted  
Voted

That all bills be paid.

That Mrs. Clarke and Miss Myster be the Committee for the next month.

Reports or letters had been received from Mary Anderson, Florence Macomber, Annie Matthews and Ella Moore. The father of the latter had attempted to make trouble with Mr. Pickering, with whom Ella was placed, and tried to prove that the Mother had not signed the books. Under the circumstances as Ella was a girl whom we did not wish to take back to the Asylum, Mr. Pickering consented to keep her for the present week. Indentures and the Committee hoped and believed that there would be no further interference on the part of the parents.

Mr. Barck of Lowell, who had applied for Bertha Johnson, a girl under twelve years of age, agreed to wait for her until February.

Emma Frances Nichols, voted in last month, was not approved by Dr. Cutler, as having a very bad case of Canker in the mouth, and was returned to the Children's Mission. The Mission sent her to the City Hospital, where some teeth were extracted, and the child pronounced a fit subject for admission, after which Dr. Cutler approved her.

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The Managers were requested to visit - very strongly upon Dr. Cutler's examination of every new applicant; before she was brought to the Asylum.

A lawyer's letter had been received on behalf of Fanny Byers, asking for a Conference with the Board on account of alleged ill-treatment of Fannie by Mrs. Ripley, the lady whom Fanny was bound. Mrs. Goodwin and Miss Paine had been to Weston before the receipt of the letter, and had seen both Mrs. Ripley and Fannie separately. They were much pleased with Mrs. Ripley, and Fanny expressed satisfaction with her place. The Conference with the lawyer was held at Mrs. Goodwin's house, in presence of several of the Managers. He brought witnesses testifying to Fanny's supposed ill-treatment and also a written agreement - with references appended from her uncles in Nova Scotia, agreeing to take both her and her sister, educate and provide for them. At the close of the Conference the lawyer asked for a written permission to go and see Fanny, which was given him, and he promised to obtain further references from Nova Scotia and to inform the Managers of the result. As he had not been heard from no action had been taken in the matter.

It was reported that Lissy Goldchwaite had had several fits within the past few months, and Dr. Cutler thought we ought to consider the expediency of placing her at some not very distant time, in the Mass. Idiot Asylum. The grandmother of Grace Rhodes had come to the Asylum during the month to state that the child's mother was an unfit person to have charge of her, should she make application for her at any time.

Mrs. H. M. Glidden had written that Lizzie Broad had had diphtheria, and that she considered her a delicate child, and would like to give her up, if an easy place could be found for her, and would like to take a stranger girl in her place. Lissy's guardian was instructed to write to Mrs. Glidden that we had no applications at present, and no girl as a substitute for Lissy.



Oct. 1884 Mrs. Wilson was dissatisfied with Frances Whittington. Mrs. Robbins had asked if she would keep her for \$1.00 a week and Mrs. Wilson having consented, Mrs. Robbins laid the matter before the Board.

Voted That Mrs. Wilson shall receive \$1.00 a week if she will keep Frances.

Mr. Chase of the Society for the Suppression of Vice having been consulted as to the assault on Mary Anderson reported that she would probably have to go to Court; and that there would undoubtedly be more or less publicity for Mary attached to the prosecution of her assault. As Mary moreover had gone <sup>to a place</sup> out of town it was thought best to proceed no further in the matter.

An application was received from Mrs. Coolidge of Mayland for the admission of a little girl named Sally McGee, four years of age. The mother was a hard-working American woman whose husband had deserted her and who was unable to provide for the child. Other circumstances in the case rendering it a proper one for the consideration of the Board, it was Voted That Sally McGee be admitted.

Several of the children who had returned for the Anniversary had been asked to spend the night at the Asylum. This measure seemed objectionable to the Managers and it was Voted That no child returning to the Asylum for a visit shall be asked to spend the night without the permission of the Committee.

The Managers finding that the former rule passed by them with regard to the trimming on the dresses of the three girls had been disregarded, passed a more stringent one as follows

Voted That no change even of the smallest kind shall be made in the dress either of the children or house-girls without previous consultation with the Committee of the month.

Miss Clara M. Hayes the daughter of a Methodist Minister had been engaged as assistant nurse.

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The drains had been submitted to the peppermint-test and were found to be in good order.

Adjourned.

H. L. Brown, Sec. Pro. Tem.

Nov. 1884

The Managers held their monthly meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 25.

The First - Deacons, Treasurer, Secretary and Eleven Managers were present.

Voted That all bills be paid.

Voted That Mrs. Coolidge and Miss Brown be the Committee for the next month.

The Committee reported that Ruth Graves had found a place in Connecticut. Two applications for the admission of children were made. Mrs. Conolly <sup>had left</sup> was <sup>was</sup> deserted by her husband and <sup>was</sup> in search of employment wished to join the <sup>Board</sup> <sup>of</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>Children's</sup> <sup>Mission</sup>, who were for the present in charge of the Children's Mission. Mrs. Johnson, a widow and recommended as a very deserving woman, earned at Houghton \$6 a week but said she could not on that board herself and her child; neither could she find a boarding place where the child could be properly cared for.

Voted That Maude Susan Johnson be admitted.

Voted That one child of Mrs. Conolly be admitted.

It was thought that she might find a place at Service with the other child.

Voted That for the next year Charlotte Howenden be detailed to do the work of a housewife without being bound to the house.

Miss Storer reported Sadie Whetton in a very good place in Franconia with a family named Young, who were interested in her. They found her troublesome but would like to keep her if they could receive \$1 a week and an allowance to furnish her with clothes, as those sent from the Agency did not fit. The Board approved of this arrangement.

Mrs. Thayer's work was reported as unsatisfactory and it was

Voted That she be discharged, giving her one week's notice.



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It was decided that Mrs. Halson can no longer have extra Sunday privileges, as it has been found to make trouble in the house.

The Committee reported in favor of keeping only one girl for table fil & Cook's assistant - instead of two; it was thought that one could combine all the necessary duties of the two. They also recommended that a person from outside be engaged to come by the day to sew, the work being much behind hand. They further suggested in order to relieve Miss Sumner that Abby Wilson should take two classes of the younger school children, giving one hour's instruction to each. To enable her to do this she must ~~be~~ be relieved of the mending, and it was thought fair that she should receive \$1.00 more a week. All these recommendations were approved by the Board and it was

Voted

That the Committee who engage some one to fil Mrs. Thayer's place make such new arrangement about the work as they deem necessary.

It was reported that the Treasurer's books had been examined and found correct. Letters were read from the uncles of the Byers children in Nova Scotia expressing a desire to take their nieces. It appeared that they were quite able to assume this responsibility. The Managers thought favorably of sending the children to their relations provided they would sign an agreement drawn by a lawyer never to allow the mother to gain possession of the children and would either come or send some trustworthy person to escort them on the journey.

The Managers were not pleased with certain facts which had come to their knowledge regarding the male visitors of the household nor with the method of locking the house at night. It was therefore

Voted

That the Secretary write to Mrs. Holloway instructing her to collect the latch keys and deliver them to the Committee on Saturday; also desiring her to see that all male visitors are confined to the lower story of the house;

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Received Income

Interest - Mass. Hospital Life Insurance Co.	1600.-
" " " " Appleton Fund	40.-
Dividends on Bank Stock	3138.30
Taxes on Bank Shares refunded by the State	942.42
Dividends on Railroad Stock	3976.-
Interest on Railroad Bonds	2830.-
Dividends Lawrence Gas. Co.	1360.-
Interest on note of P. Hession	150.-
" " deposits in Savings Banks	596.63
Subscriptions	110 -
	<u>14743.55-</u>
	16585.00

Expenses Chargeable to Income

Provisions	5133.08
Salaries & Wages	4357.56
Clothing	977.14
Furniture	239.30
Repairs	646.77
Incidental	723.66
Fuel	762.48
Orders to the Nation for the use of the Asylum	178.-
Board of Children	539.78
Prizes	46.
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	13600.77



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13,607.77

Payment on account of Principal

3 instalments 70 % on Subscription to 25 new  
Shares of Stock in Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R. R. Co.

1400.-

Cash deposited in Old Boston National Bank

1384.23  
16,583.00

## Stock Account-

Mass. Hospital Life Insurance Co.

4000.-

" " " " Appleton Fund

1,000.-

Bank Stock

50,200.-

175 Shares Lawrence Gas Co.

17,000

1 Share Cocheco Co.

452.50

30 Shares Boston &amp; Albany Railroad Co.

3,000.-

200 " Chicago Burlington &amp; Quincy R. R. Co.

20,000.-

345 " Atchafalpa and Santa Fe " "

23,287.50

7 " Fitchburg

700.-

1 Share Boston &amp; Lowell

500.-

Connecticut &amp; Passumpsic Rivers R. R. Bond

1,000.-

Chicago Burlington &amp; Missouri R. R. 7 %

7,000.-

" " 4 % Denver Extension Bond

1,670.-

Burlington &amp; Missouri Land Grant Bonds, Loring Fund

7,000.-

" " in Nebraska R. R.

6,000.-

Illinois Grand Trunk R.R. Bonds

1,000.-

Boston &amp; Albany

7,000.-

Philadelphia, Wilmington &amp; Baltimore

6,000.-

Fitchburg

8,000.-

Note &amp; Mortgage of P. Cession

2,500.-

Deposit in Suffolk Savings Bank

12,963.67

" " Provident Institution for Savings

4,742.41

70 % of 25 new Shares Chicago Burlington &amp; Quincy R. R. Co.

1400.-

222,441.38

Errors Excepted - Sarah C. Paine

Treasurer Boston Female Asylum

Attest -

Mary Anne Wales, Sec.

Dec. 1884 The 1<sup>st</sup> Monthly meeting was held on Tuesday Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>.  
The Treasurer, Secretary, and Twelve Managers were  
present.

In the absence of the First-Directress Mrs. Tracy  
presided.

Voted That all bills be paid.

Voted That Miss Storer and Miss Myles be the Center  
for the next month.

The two children voted in at the last meeting had  
both been admitted.

Two new applications were received, but were both  
refused as it was thought the mothers could provide  
in some other way for their children.

Mrs. Thayer had left immediately. Mrs. Burnham  
had been engaged in her place and had thus far  
proved satisfactory.

An anonymous petition for the return of the latch-  
keys was made and was refused, as the Refutation  
was thought to be a wise one. A letter was received  
from the gentleman and lady who had taken Sarah  
Whiton. They were interested in her but much  
dissatisfied with her work. They would be willing to  
keep her if regular board could be paid. It was  
Voted That board at \$3.00 a week until the 1<sup>st</sup> of April  
be offered for Sarah Whiton.

The Managers thought that after March 1<sup>st</sup>  
Sarah's board whose wages would be advanced at that  
time should pay part of the board.

A letter from the uncles of the Byers children  
was read; but as it did not meet all the  
requirements of the Managers it was decided that  
there must be further correspondence before the children  
could be allowed to go.

Adjourned

Mary Anne Hales, Sec.



List of Girls who completed their  
apprenticeship during the year 1884

Margreta Lam brecht. With her aunt; doing well.

Frances Savioli. At Service; doing well.

In  
Mary Ann Rounds. At Service; doing well

Annie Matthews. In the care of her brothers;  
At Service

Jan. 1885-

The Managers held their monthly meeting on  
Tuesday Jan. 27.

The Secretary, and Eleven Managers  
were present. Miss Brown in the chair.

Voted That all bills be paid.

Voted That Mrs. Tracy and Mrs. Bullard be the  
Comtee for the next month.

A most unsatisfactory account - was ~~sent~~ of Sarah  
Whiton and it seemed very probable that she would  
be detained to the asylum. It was

Voted That in such a case an effort be made to  
get her taken into the Refuge.

The Committee did not think that Mrs. Burnham  
was quite up to the mark.

Voted That a Committee be appointed to assist Mrs.  
Holloway in providing books proper for the instruction of  
the children on Sundays; also to supervise the general  
reading of the children, and to make a list of books  
from the Public Library Catalogue suitable for them who  
take books home. Also that the question of taking  
certain magazines for the children be left to the same  
Comtee. ^

The Committee had been much pleased with Miss  
Summer and her instructions.

Voted ^ That Mrs. Blake, Miss Brown, & Miss Mahan Paine be  
the Comtee.

Jan. 1883- A course of Emergency Lectures had been given at the house which had been much enjoyed, Some of the older girls attending.

Mr. Sylvester had written his daughter Effie a letter which it was not thought wise for her to receive. It was therefore decided that this letter be returned to Mr. Sylvester with the reasons for withholding it.

Voted That Mrs. Holloway be instructed to allow none of the girls to go into the streets after the gas is lighted except under the supervision of an older person, and to send no girl to school by herself after dinner.

Two applications for the admission of new members were received but were refused.

An invitation from Trinity House had been received for some of the children to attend there a course of lessons on Kitchen Gardening. Voted That this invitation be politely refused, on the grounds that the children are already instructed in Gardening and that the time is inconvenient.

Adjourned.

Mary Anne Stokes Sec.

Feb. 1883- The Managers held their monthly meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 24.

The Treasurer, Secretary and Twelve Managers were present.

Miss Storer in the Chair.

Voted That all bills be paid.

Voted That Mrs. Lyman and Mrs. Cortidge be the Committee for the next month.

The Committee reported that a request had been made by the Conservatory of Music to purchase the lot owned by the Asylum in the Washington St. burying ground. After much discussion it was

Voted That a note be written by the Secretary refusing the request.



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It was also Voted That - if any coffins be found remain-  
ing in the tomb in this burying ground arrangements be  
made for their removal to Cedar Grove.

The range was stated to be very much out of  
order and it was left with the Comtee on repairs  
either to purchase a new range or to have the old  
one put repaired.

Mrs. Burnham seemed to have improved a good  
deal.

As there seemed some misapprehension among the  
employees at the Asylum as to the hour of closing  
the house it was

Voted

That a note be addressed to them by the Secretary  
telling them that the hour for locking the house is  
10 and that any one desiring to remain out-late  
must do so by special permission from the Matron.

From the statement made concerning the strange  
behavior of Sarah Whelan since her return to Boston  
it seemed not unlikely that she could be sent to  
an Insane Hospital. In any case it did not  
seem to the Managers fitting that the Asylum  
should any longer have charge of her and Miss  
Stord was empowered to make any arrangement  
possible to transfer her to the care of either the  
City or the State.

Adjourned.

Mary Anne Hales, Sec.

March 1885

The monthly meeting was held on Tuesday, March 31.

The Treasurer, Secretary and Twelve Managers were  
present.

Voted

That all bills be paid.

Voted

That Mrs. Tracy and Mrs. Sears be the Committee for  
the next month.

The Committee reported an application from Miss  
Hersey, a lady well known to Mrs. Collier, for the

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admission of a little girl named Curran. The father was in poor health, but sent occasionally ~~some~~ money to his wife from New York where he had some work. Mrs. Curran worked very hard but had the board of other children to pay and could do nothing for the support of this little girl, who had been cared for by Miss Hersey. Miss Hersey was unable to do any longer what she had done for the child, who was now in Dr. Haven's Hospital, recovering from exema. It was voted that, provided Mr. Curran will sign an obligation to give up the child, the Asylum will assume the charge of her, & boarding her out if necessary till the exema is cured.

Application from Mrs. Post for the admission of an adopted child was received and refused.

Another application came for the admission of a little girl named Vida Coffeshall, who had been cared for two years by Mr. & Mrs. Wheelock, who now found it necessary to resign the charge. There seemed no reason why the child should not be adopted and it was decided to recommend Mr. & Mrs. Wheelock to place her with that view at the Temporary Home. If this experiment should not succeed they might apply again at the Asylum.

Mrs. Masury who had married the mother of Alice Hansen applied to take Alice. As Mrs. Hansen's character appeared to be more than doubtful it was voted to refuse this application.

The Committee for the month was asked to arrange about Mrs. Holloway's & Miss Oxford's vacations so that neither might come in the heat of the summer on account of the probable advent of cholera.

Letters from Mr. and Mrs. Smith complaining of Ida Brenton were read. They declined keeping her and the Managers judged that on Ida's account a change would be desirable. It was voted that Miss Ellis, Ida's guardian, write to Mr. & Mrs. Smith, requesting them to return Ida immediately. Full powers were given to Miss Ellis regarding a new place for Ida.



March 1883- A letter was read from the father of Elsie Sylvester, in which he seemed to regret having placed his child in the Asylum and implied that some of her relations would have been willing to take her. As an aunt of good character had been heard of living in the S. Boston and as on account of this letter and on account of Elsie's character it did not seem desirable to keep her in the Asylum it was

Voted That the Comtee for the month communicate with this aunt and ask her to take charge of her niece, telling her that otherwise Elsie must be sent to her father.

Miss Paine reported the payment of \$750- on Mr. Hession's mortgage. Voted That the investment of this sum be left to the Treasurer with full powers.

Mrs. Bullard reported that a new man was needed to take care of the grounds and that Mr. Cousins would like the place. She asked advice as to the amount to be paid and as to the most desirable arrangement with regard to extras. The matter was talked over and left with Mrs. Bullard.

Adjourned - Mary Anne Wales, Sec.

April 1883- The First Directors, Treasurer, Secretary and nine Managers were present.

Voted That all bills be paid

Voted That Mrs. Bullard and Miss Ellis be the Committee for the next month.

The Committee reported that Elsie Sylvester's aunt preferred to have her remain in the Asylum, but would rather take her herself than have her bound out. As Elsie would be twelve years old in May it was

Voted That her aunt be requested to take her at that time.

Mrs. Connelly, one of whose children had been admitted into the Asylum, now made application for the other. The Committee reported her in very poor health and able to

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work only three hours in the day. This matter was referred to the Committee for the next month with full powers.

Mrs. McCarty who had been deserted by her husband applied for the admission of her little girl. The application was refused on the grounds that the mother had until lately belonged in Lawrence and that the Asylum was full.

Mr. Matthew Harvey of Epping N. H. wished to take a girl from the Asylum. The place was recommended by Mr. Hoyt with whom Letty McElroy was living. It was thought that this might be a suitable place for Alice Broad and it was proposed that she be allowed to go on trial for three months if the Committee after investigation approve. There was some doubt as to Alice being strong enough for the work.

Mr. Martin applied to take his daughter Annie. He had always appeared to be a steady, respectable man and was now remarried. It was therefore

Voted  
Voted

That Mr. Martin's request be granted

That from this time the guardians of the girls shall be responsible for their receiving the \$30. due them at the expiration of their apprenticeships.

It was reported that Mr. Turnbull could no longer keep Clara Colon on account of her stupidity and dirty habits. The girl was now with Mrs. Guething who made the same complaint and hoped she might soon be taken away. It seemed best that Clara should be taken in charge by the City or State, but as she had a mother, who, though a very unsatisfactory person still was anxious to have her daughter, it was doubtful whether such an arrangement could be made. The case was left with the Committee to do the best that they could.

The guardian of Lida Brenton reported that she had gone to a place in Bridgewater which seemed very promising.

The Committee reported that Miss Oxford had been offered a place in the Woman's Prison and had left the Asylum. A Miss Bullard had been seen by the



April 1885- Committee who judged by her recommendations and appearance that she was a suitable Candidate for the place.

Voted That Miss Ballard be engaged for a month on trial. Mrs. Colburn wished that some allowance be made for the clothes needed by Almira Bowdoin. This matter was left with Miss Brown.

Voted That Mrs. Ballard and Mrs. Tracy be a Committee to examine the Treasurer's books.

Voted That all arrangements with regard to the removal of the remains from the old burying ground to the new one be left to Miss Sarah C. Paine.

The Treasurer asked advice in respect to a proposed investment. The matter was referred to her with full powers.

Adjourned.

Mary Anne Wales, Rec. Sec.

May 1885- The monthly meeting was held on Tuesday, May 26 at the house of the First-Directress.

The First-Directress, Treasurer, Secretary and Ten Managers were present.

Voted That all bills be paid.

Voted That Miss Marianne Paine be Committee for the month with any assistance from other Managers that she can obtain.

The Committee reported that they had found Mrs. Connelly in very poor health, apparently in Consumption and able to earn but little. She thought however that she could keep the child till the middle of June and had some hope that her husband's relations might give her a home through the Summer. She was very anxious to have the little girl brought up with her sister in the Asylum.

Voted That when Mrs. Connelly finds she can no longer make any arrangement for the support of her child she may place her in the Asylum.

May Curran could no longer be kept at the Day Nursery and the father seemed to have temporarily disappeared so that he could not sign the books; the mother however had signed them and the little girl had been put out-board with Mrs. Folsom on account of the measles at the asylum.

There had been several cases of measles at the Asylum besides some other illness, and Miss Smart, the nurse who had been there once before had been engaged. The children were now nearly well and she would soon be able to leave.

Clara Colon had been placed in the Marcella St. Home whence it might be necessary to remove her to Austin Farm as she seemed old for the Home. Mrs. Leach had been very sick and thinking herself on her deathbed had desired to see her children. Her request had been granted. Annie Martin had been taken to her father. The month had been rather an exceptional one for Miss Bullard on account of the illness and it was voted to extend her trial one month longer.

Several small improvements in the housekeeping arrangements were suggested and left for the Comtee. to carry out. Miss Summer was much run down and would like to rest through July and August. The Comtee. a friend who would she thought make a good substitute.

Voted That a substitute be provided at the expense of the Asylum for the month of July and that the same person be engaged for three weeks in August, the remainder of August being regarded as vacation.

Voted That a note of thanks be sent to Mr. Thomas for his very acceptable gift of a load of dressing.

~~The~~ The Comtee. appointed to examine the Treasurer's books reported them in order.

The uncle of the Byers Children had written for his niece, having provided a suitable escort for them.

Voted That the Committee make suitable arrangements for the sending away of these two children.



May 1885 The guardian of Ida Brenton reported Ida so troublesome that Mrs. Williamson did not wish to keep her. Miss Ellis had found another place for Ida, apparently a new one in another part of Bridgewater with Mr. and Mrs. Bela Forbes and had transferred her to their care. This action was approved by the Board. Miss Ellis reported that Mrs. Williamson would like another girl and suggested Alice Broad, as the place in Epping had fallen through. Miss Ellis thought Mrs. Williamson's place an excellent one and quite easy. It was

Voted That Alice Broad be allowed to go to this place on trial for three months, the condition being added that she be allowed to return to the Asylum if she is obliged to give up her place for want of strength and through no fault. Miss Wright agreed to be guardian to Alice.

Voted A letter from Mr. Tourjee was read, again asking leave from the Asylum to purchase their tomb in the South burying ground. After some discussion it was

Voted To lay the matter on the table and write to Mr. Tourjee to this effect.

Voted That Mrs. Theodore Lyman be requested to come back and take her old place as Second Directress.

Resolved -

Mary Anne Wales, Sec.

June 1885 The Managers held their monthly meeting on Tuesday, June 24. 30.

The First Directress, Treasurer, Secretary and Ten Managers were present.

Voted That all bills be paid

Voted That Miss Storer and Miss Brown be the Committee for the month.

The Committee reported that the Byers children were to go to the Provincians a week. That Elsie Selvester had gone to her aunt.

June 1883- Miss Broad was not found sufficiently strong to go to a place. The children were now in good health.

Mrs. Gwynne made application for the admission of two children named Pond, whose mother was in an Insane Asylum, and whose father was a maimed Soldier in poor health.

Moved That these children be admitted if they be of suitable age.

Moved That Mr. Black send his daughter Ada to Maine for six weeks in the summer.

Moved That Mary Leach, the girl employed in the house and any other children for whom Dr. Cutler thinks it important be sent <sup>away</sup> on vacations.

Miss Swanson had been engaged as substitute for Miss Sumner during the summer.

The Managers were very glad to learn that Mrs. Theodore Lyman was willing to resume her place as Second Directress.

Miss Hayes had resigned and Miss Anderson <sup>had been</sup> engaged to take her place, but Miss Anderson did not prove the right person and some one else must be found.

Miss Bullard had left and Miss White, a very promising person, had been engaged to fill that position.

A letter was read from Mrs. Gorham to whom Florence Macomber had been bound. Mrs. Gorham was in Florida in very poor health and anxious to give up the care of Florence. She had friends in Florida to whom she said she could transfer Florence.

Moved That the Secretary write to Mrs. Gorham consenting to the transfer of Florence.

The Committee reported great want of discipline in the house and considerable discontent among the children. The Committee therefore recommended a change of location. After much discussion it was

Moved That a note be written to Mrs. Holloway expressing the dissatisfaction of the Board



June 1885- It was also Voted That- at the next meeting unless the Committee report- Some decided Change Mrs. Robinson be requested to send in her resignation giving three months' notice.

The report of Frances Whittington- was so bad that it was Voted To give her into the charge of her mother.

Referred - Mary Anne Hales, Sec.

July, 1885- The monthly meeting was held at the Academy. July 28.

The First Directors, Treasurer and eight-managers were present.

Voted That- all bills be paid

Voted That- Mrs. Robbins and Miss Paine be the committee for the month.

The committee reported that the ages of the Pond children for whom application was made last-month were suitable, but the children had not been brought, on account of a case of scarlet fever in the Temporary Home, where they had been. Dr. Cutler had been consulted, and thought it would be safe for them to come Aug. 5.

The Byers children had gone to their uncles in Nova Scotia, and Sam had written to announce their safe arrival.

Flora Macomber had arrived from Savannah the day before, having been shipped by Mrs. Gorham. A letter received a day or two previous asked to have some one meet her at the boat, and stated that Mrs. Gorham had transferred her to a lady, who after making trial of her, had refused to keep her on account of her untruthfulness, and absolute refusal to work. After some discussion of this case it was

Voted That- the committee of the month endeavor to find a place for Flora Macomber,



the Asylum paying a moderate board, and when Florence may be taught, if possible, to work.

Dr. Lutter had ordered eleven children to go into the country for their health.

Miss White, head nurse, Miss Torbs, assistant nurse, and the new kitchen girl were reported very satisfactory.

A letter had been received from the W.E. Gas Saving Co. proposing to put their apparatus into the Asylum, on certain terms. It was

*Filed* That the committee on repairs see persons who had used the contrivance, and report at the next meeting.

A letter had been thrown over from Lovering place directed to Bertha Johnson and signed Nina. Although the letter was not an ass, the committee had felt that such communication should be prevented, and wire screens had been placed in the upper part of the windows on Lovering Place.

Mr. & Mrs. Otis A. Gray of Princeton, Four Corners, having applied for a girl, and the recommendations proving satisfactory, - the place also being quiet and retired, it was

*Filed* That Bertha Stella Johnson be bound to Mr. & Mrs. Gray.

The father of Annie Cameron had presented himself early in the month, and desired the Managers to find a place for Annie, where she could go to school. Although Annie is bound to the house, she has proved so troublesome, that the Asylum was not unwilling to release her, and the matron having heard of a couple somewhat advanced in life, living in Raynham, who were willing to take a girl to go to school, it was

*Filed* That Annie Cameron be bound to Mr. & Mrs. Obed Harlow, of Raynham, if the committee of the month can make suitable arrangements.



Mrs. Fairfield, who had so kindly watched over Annie Dennis, needed a girl to take her place. It was therefore

Voted That Helen Ada Adams be placed with Mrs. Fairfield, if the child seems satisfactory to Mrs. Fairfield, when she sees her.

Mrs. S. H. Leman of Union N. H., who applied for a girl last month, had not sent her references in season for today's vote. Miss Stevens, a friend who was to see the girl had not been to do so. It was therefore

Voted That the Committee have full powers to apprentice Abattie Palmer to Mr. & Mrs. H. H. Gilman, if Miss Stevens considers her a suitable girl.

Mrs. Amanda Heaton, Lyme Centre, N. H., who had previously applied for a girl, renewed her application through Miss Pickering of Portsmouth, a friend who recommended Mrs. Heaton most highly. Miss White, the head nurse, also knew Mrs. Heaton, and considered a girl fortunate, who might be placed with her. It was

Voted That Emma Leach be bound to Mrs. Heaton.

An application from Miss Sarah M. Bond to take Lottie Hovenden and a companion to her home in West Newton for a fortnight was referred to the committee of the month.

An application from Annie Grant's sister for Annie to make her a nurse was refused.

The committee reported a state of mis-rule in the school-room, under Miss Sumner's substitute. It was therefore thought best to dismiss her although she had been engaged for three weeks in August, and to give the charge of the school for those three weeks to Miss Habet J. Bent of Chelsea, who had been highly recommended as a disciplinarian. It was therefore

Voted That Miss Faine acquaint Miss Cranston, the substitute, with the decision of the board, and make a just and amicable arrangement







Aug. 1885 Mary Byrne having been found dishonest, it was  
Voted That Mrs. Leitchman be released from the  
obligation of paying her \$50 - at her majority  
Voted That the Com. with for the month have full  
powers to remove Lily Beck from the asylum,  
& dispose of her as they should think best.

An anonymous postal had been received calling  
attention to the work & treatment of chronic & acute  
by Mrs. Johnson. It was considered that the  
matter was not pressing, but could be attended  
to later.

It was decided that Miss Curran should come  
to the asylum after the middle of September.  
The children who required change had been  
out of town.

The children had been out on several picnics.  
Miss Swanson the vacation teacher had received  
\$30 - & leave to withdraw. Miss Bent had filled  
her place satisfactorily.

There had been trouble in the yard from boys  
climbing on the wall & throwing candy etc. to  
the children, & some notes had passed between them.  
It was decided to try the spirit of harvest wine.

Voted That the question of keeping & selling the S. B. L.  
rights be left to the discretion of the Treasurer.

Voted That Miss Blum the mad nurses wages be  
raised to \$5.50 a week.

Voted That Miss Krebs the assist nurses wages be  
raised to \$3.50 a week.

Voted That Mrs. Kallaway the Matron's resignation be  
accepted, to take effect Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> & that she be  
paid her wages & board up to Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>.

Voted That Mrs. Kinn be engaged to take the place  
of Matron to the Western Female Asylum next year.

Her salary is to be \$600 -

Attest

Julia Coolidge. Sec. pro. tem.

Sept. 1885. The monthly meeting of the Managers was held Sept. 29, 1885.

Present, Trust Directors, Treasurer, and the Managers.

Toted That all bills be paid.

Toted That Mr. Sears and Miss Brown be the committee for the month.

The committee for the last month reported that Miss Broad had been caught talking with men from the window in the evening, and it had been thought best to place her immediately in the country, with a stipulation that she should only be employed in light work. Satisfactory references having been obtained from Mr. & Mrs. Crookston, Windham, N. H., Miss Broad had been sent there, and so far was contented with her place.

Toted That the action of the committee with regard to Miss Broad be confirmed.

Fannie Macomber's relations having declined to have anything to do with her, and no suitable place having offered for her, she had been boarded at \$2.00 a week, with Mrs. Ripley in Preston, who will teach her to work. So far, Mrs. Ripley had found nothing amiss with her, except "very great childishness".

Alice Whitman's mother applied for her, and her references proving satisfactory, it was

Toted That her request be granted.

Miss Crockett's aunt, being unable to visit for her this year, as she had asked, desired that we should keep her another year. Miss Crockett told that her stay here depended upon her good conduct.

Fannie Leach has been advised for some time of Lydia Hunt, and the information being recent, and not sufficiently investigated, it was

Toted That the matter be referred to the committee for the next month.



Mr. & Mrs. John Russell of Norwich, Me., applied through a relative for a girl. Annie Grant, with her various disabilities had been taken to them, and they were willing to take her. Some of the witnesses found very interesting, but in the end some others yet to be received.

At the meeting of the committee the next day, an application had been received from Mrs. Shotton of Portland, Me., for a girl. Mrs. Shotton lives on a small farm three miles out of the town. She has two daughters in dress-making, she goes about all day, and comes home at night. They wanted a young girl to train, as she was in the mother, and when she came out to school in part of the time. As Mrs. Russell had declined to take Ada Adams, and as the witnesses found her suitable, it was decided that Mrs. Adams should be sent to Mrs. Shotton.

Application for Alice Hanson had been received from her step-father, Mr. Brown, an invalid. There having been grave doubts, at no late date, as to the character of Mrs. Hanson, the committee of the month made some special inquiries as to the character of both parties, and report at the next meeting.

Alice Hanson had been seen to see Annie Adams, and had heard nothing which did not seem perfectly right, and straight-forward. Mrs. Hanson was a very kind, and Annie very happy. Inquiries had been made about Alice's relatives, and it was found that her mother was in Pennsylvania, and that nothing could be done with her among her relatives, and it was decided that the committee of the month should be a suitable place to have in the country.

Mr. Watson, cook, gave notice of intention to leave, early in the month. The committee had engaged Miss Fay from a Burlington Institution, but she proved very young, and not quite satisfactory. She will remain till another cook is obtained. The cook of the Children's Friend, in Rutland St., had applied for the situation, and the matter is still under consideration.

The different vacations were over. The health of Miss Sumner and Miss Wilson had much improved.

Told That Charlotte E. Hovenden be bound to the house. Her term had expired. The usual autumn repairs had been made.

Told That in consideration of the apprenticeship of some of the older girls, a girl will be employed.

Mr. Cogges desires to continue the care of the furnace through the winter.

The committee reported that Miss Smith did not come into harmony with Mr. Poirer - that there seemed a spirit of rivalry in her, and that she was sometimes impatient and injudicious with the children. It was therefore

Told That Mr. Poirer be dismissed, at a month's notice. Adjourned. H. L. Brown, Sec. pro. tem.

Oct. 1885- The Annual Meeting was held on Tuesday Oct. 27 at 10.30 A. M.

Two children, Mabel Mason and Ida Melicent Ford, were baptized by Rev. Mr. Hale.

The following report was read by the Secretary

Seventy-Six children welcome their friends today on this the eighty-fifth birthday of their Home. Their



Oct. 1883- presence is as good a report for the year as any written words are likely to be. Five of the family are Comparative Strangers, having come into it since our last Anniversary and we miss today ten who were with us then. Four have been sent to their relations and six of our older girls have gone to service in other families. There have been many changes in the administration of the household, all we believe tending to the good of the Asylum.

We think we can claim for this Institution that none in our City is more carefully watched and tended by those who are responsible for its management. Mistakes may be made, for all of us are fallible. The result desired cannot always be attained, for human hearts cannot be moulded like the clay in the hands of the potter. Difficulties cannot always be surmounted, for life is full of perils. But the endeavor for the Managers to do what is for the best good of the children is never ceasing and the result is not on the whole disappointing. Though they have some failures to lament they have more successes to rejoice over and their confident hope for the future is that there will increase more and more.

The prizes were distributed by the Trust Directress as follows:

To	Ella E. Dodge	as	The Most Deserving Girl
"	Mary E. Clark	for	Helpfulness
"	Laudie H. Martin	for	"
"	Charlotte P. Rowden	"	Improvement
"	Bessie Leach	"	Proficiency in Studies
"	Annie Kirby	"	Industry
"	Ellen Allen	"	Helpfulness
"	Ada H. Black	as	The Best Little Girl
"	Fanny Adelaide Anderson	for	Industry

Addresses were made by Mr. Hale, Mr. Geo. H. Young and Mr. J. E. Barry.

The exercises were diversified by singing and

Oct. 1885 recitation by the children; at the close the subscribers were invited to adjourn to the Managers' Room to elect Managers for the next year and the benediction was pronounced by Mr. Hale.

The following Board of Managers was elected.

First Directress	—	Mrs. Elias Goodwin
Second Directress	—	Mrs. Theodore Lyman
Treasurer	—	Miss Sarah C. Paine
Secretary	—	Miss Mary Anne Wales
Mrs. J. U. Tracy		Miss Harriet L. Brown
Mrs. Philip H. Sears		Miss Gertrude S. Ellis
Mrs. Otis Bullard		Mrs. Eliot C. Clarke
Miss Marianne Paine		Mrs. Arthur S. Lyman
Miss Abby M. Storer		Mrs. J. Randolph Corlidge
Mrs. Otis Bullard		Miss Madeline C. Myster
Mrs. Charles Robbins		

### Managers Meeting

The First and Second Directresses, Treasurer, Secretary and nine Managers were present.

Resolved That all bills be paid.

Resolved That Mrs. Corlidge and Miss Wright be the Committee for the next month.

The Committee reported many changes in the house all thus far satisfactory; Mrs. Tows the new Cook had come from the Children's Friend Soc.; Miss Wiley was in Mrs. White's place and brought high recommendations from the Lancaster School and other places; the new little girl came from New Essex and seemed promising.

Emmie Leach had gone to Mrs. Sarah E. Keith of Rochester. Good reports had come from the girl who had left; she all seemed happy in that place.

Mrs. Rich wished that winter magazines should be taken for the children. It was

Resolved That the Committee on Literature, Consisting of Miss Brown,



Oct. 1883- Miss Marianne Paine and Mrs. Eliza C. Clarke, be  
reappointed and that to them be referred any reading,  
which it is proposed to introduce for the children.  
New arrangements for the undergarments of the children  
were proposed. The matter was referred to the Committee  
of the month to decide after consultation with Dr. Cutler.  
The introduction of additional bus was mentioned. This  
also was referred to the Committee to consider and  
report.

Voted That the Nation be furnished with a bath room  
for her exclusive use.

The Committee reported that no place for Lily Beck had  
been found. It was thought best that the Committee  
for the next month continue the search.

Mr. & Mrs. Masary applied again for Alice Hanson.  
Mr. Masary's references were very good, but very little  
had as yet been ascertained about Mrs. Masary,  
Alice's mother. Several of the Managers had a strong  
opinion that she was not a suitable person to have the  
charge of Alice, others thought there should be more  
proof against her before deciding. It was

Voted That Mr. Masary be informed that recommendations  
as to his wife's character are necessary.

Voted Mr. & Mrs. Simon Gallup of Mystic Conn. had applied  
for a girl, bringing excellent references. It was  
That the Committee for the month be authorized to  
furnish them with any girl over twelve years old  
whom they may choose.

Application was made for the admission of Margaret  
Cedron, the older sister of Mary. The child was now boarded  
with a woman who treated her kindly but was not  
thoroughly - the for good. Miss Kessey who had long had a  
certain charge of the family was very anxious that she  
should be admitted into the Asylum.

Voted That this child be admitted.

The following report from the Treasurer was read.

Oct. 1883-

Treasurer's Report - October 19, 1883-

Cash on hand October 22, 1884

1884.23

Received Income

Interest Mass. Hospital Life Insurance Co.	1600-
" " " " " Appleton Fund	40-
Dividends on Bank Stock	2987.25-
Taxes on Bank Shares refunded by the State	1090.62
Dividends on Railroad Stock	4093.7-
Interest on Railroad Bonds	2863.7-
Dividends Lawrence Gas Co.	1360-
" Cocheco Co.	23-
Interest on note of P. Hession	129-
" " deposit in Savings Banks	683.47
Subscriptions	107.-
Interest on payments for Railroad Stock	21.01
Sale of Chicago Burlington & Quincy rights	<u>8-</u>
	15,013.33-

Received on account of Principal of Patrick Hession  
part payment of his note

700.-

15,713.33

Expenses Chargeable to Income

Provisions	4539.49
Salaries and Wages	4343.32
Clothing	1367.45
Furniture	222.49
Repairs	579.07
Incidental	700.53
Fuel	856.66
Orders to the Matron for the use of the Asylum	183.
Board of Children	596.40
Prizes	<u>46.-</u>

15,713.33



Sub 1115- Payments on account of Principal

Paid 4 <sup>th</sup> instalment 30 ps on Subscription to 20 Shares new 5th Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R.R.	600.-
Paid for 1000 - Oregon Railway & Navigation Co. 7 ps Bond.	1011.25-
" Commission and 3 days interest on above	3.08
" 1 Share new stock in Boston & Lowell R.R.	100.-
" 13 Fitchburg R.R. rights	8.77
" 1 Share new stock in Fitchburg R.R.	100.-
" 1 <sup>st</sup> instalment 20 ps on Subscription to 4 blocks Chicago, Burlington & Northern R.R.	<u>444.-</u>

2,267.16

Cash deposited in Old Boston National Bank

1,610.07

17,297.58

### Stock Account

Mass. Hospital Life Insurance Co.	40,000.-
" " " " Appleton Fund	1,000.-
Bank Stock	30,200.-
170 Shares Lawrence Gas Co.	17,000.-
1 Share Lockes Co.	500.-
30 Shares Boston & Albany R.R. Co.	3000.-
220 Shares Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R.R. Co.	22,000.-
345 " Northern Pacific & Santa Fe " "	23,125.-
8 " Fitchburg " "	800.-
2 " Boston & Lowell " "	600.-
Connecticut & Passumpsic R.R. Bond	1000.-
Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R.R. 7 ps Bonds	700.-
" " " 4 ps Denver & Yonkers	1900.-
Burlington & Missouri River Grant Bonds, Living Fund	700.-
" " " in Nebraska "	6,000.-
Illinois Grand Trunk R.R. "	1,000.-
Boston & Albany " "	7,000.-

October	Philadelphia Wilmington & Baltimore R. R. Bonds	6000.-
1885	Fitchburg " "	5000.-
	Oregon Railway & Navigation Co. " "	1000.-
	First Mortgage of P. & M. R.R.	1000.-
	Deposit in Suffolk Savings Bank	12,963.67
	" " Provident Institution for Savings	4,742.41
	2 1/2 of 4 Bonds Chicago, Burlington & Northern P. R.	444.-
		<u>226,133.08</u>

Errors Exp'd

Sarah C. Paine

~~Annexed~~ ~~Book~~ ~~Book~~ ~~Book~~

Wed Let Mrs. Bullard & Mrs. Tracy be a Committee to examine the Treasurer's books.

Adjourned -

Mary Anne Bates, Secretary

Nov. 1885 The Monthly meeting of the Managers was held on Tuesday Nov. 24.

The First and Second Directresses, Treasurer, Secretary and twelve Managers were present.

Wed That all bills be paid

Wed That Mrs. Tracy and Miss Brown be the Committee for the next month.

The Committee reported that Annie Kierley had gone to Mr. & Mrs. Simon Gallup. Margaret Curran had been admitted.

Application was made for the admission of an illegitimate child named Mary King. The father had disappeared, the mother was dead & Mrs. King who had taken charge of her for some time had also died. Her daughter Miss King was fond of the child but unable to support her. The matter was left to the Committee of the month with power to admit the child if they see fit.

Application was made for the admission of a little



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girl named Johnty but it was refused as the child was illegitimate and the mother a drunkard.

Mrs. Kennon one of whose children was in the Asylum found that she could not support the other, her health being too poor to allow her to do steady work.

Resolved

That Mary Frances Kennon be admitted.

Resolved

~~That a second child of Mrs. Conolly's be admitted in accordance~~ Mrs. Conolly who had in the Spring permission to place her second child in the Asylum now wished to do so.

The mother of Lessie Harmon wished to take Lessie in the Spring.

Resolved

That Lessie be given to her mother in the Spring if she still wishes her at that time.

Anna Roberts who had been given into the charge of her grand parents had been taken from them by an Aunt and was now in the Rutland St. Home. It seemed probable that application would be made for her readmission into the Asylum. The Committee were requested to make investigations into as to the character of the grand parents and the character of the child in case this application be made.

A boarding place which promised very well had been found for Lily Beck with Miss J. H. O. Lovell, Oakham, Mass. The Managers agreed to pay \$2.50 a week to Miss Lovell for Lily's board and clothes.

No recommendation of Mrs. Mason had been sent. Mrs. Sherman was sure that at the time of the child's admission the mother was not leading a good life. Two applications to take girls were refused, there being no girls suitable to send out. The Managers thought that except <sup>Alice</sup> ~~Anna~~ Hanson no girls would be ready to be bound out before spring.

An estimate for putting in Gas had been made. It was

Resolved

That the Committee be authorized to have gas put in wherever the Nation thinks it necessary or where they themselves consider it very desirable.

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Miss Wakefield wished more pay and in consideration of her long services it was

Wed

To raise her wages to \$3<sup>4</sup> a week.

Almira Bowdoin's misconduct had been such that there seemed no question that she ought to be sent to Lancaster and Miss Brown was authorized to arrange with Mrs. Colburn about making the proper complaints.

Ruth Graves who had been with Dr. Holbrook, was threatened with Consumption, had been in her physician's direction brought to Boston & examined by Dr. Cutler, by whose advice she had been placed in Miss Robbins's Hospital.

Wed

That the Committee are authorized to spend whatever sum they deem wise on a Christmas entertainment for the children.

Wed

That the Treasurer, Sarah C. Paine, be and hereby is authorized to sell the four blocks of the Chicago, Burlington and Northern R. R. Co. subscribed for by the Boston Female Asylum.

Adjourned -

Mary Anne Wales, Sec.

Dec. 1885

The monthly meeting of the Managers was held on Tuesday Dec. 29.

The First and Second Directors, Treasurer, Secretary and Eleven Managers were present.

Wed

That all bills be paid.

Wed

That Mrs. Arthur Lyman and Mrs. Clarke be the Comtee for the next month.

Margaret Conolly and Mary Frances Kennon had been admitted. The Committee had not ventured to admit Margaret King because Dr. Madewett after examination gave such a doubtful account of her eyes. After some consideration it was

Wed

To admit this child with the understanding that if at the proper time for her leaving the Asylum her eyesight should be too poor to admit of her going to service and if Mrs. Lorr be unable to provide for her she must be placed in the Almshouse.

Under these circumstances it was so decided



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advisable that the books should be signed.

Pleasant accounts of Lily Beck at her boarding place had been received.

Mrs. Gallup seeming disappointed in Annie Kirby it was thought best to write him that if he did not wish to keep her after three months' trial he can return her to the Asylum. The Managers feared they had not been wise in allowing Annie to leave the Asylum so young.

Mr. Ramsell wrote from Cornish Maine that Annie Grants' habits were such that he did not wish to keep her. It was thought that Mr. Ramsell might be persuaded to keep Annie at least temporarily and Miss Brown agreed to write him on the subject. It was possible that one of Annie's sisters might be induced to take her by thy.

Voted

To give Miss Brown full powers with regard to the disposal of Almira Bowdoin.

Voted

To refuse an application from Miss Oxford asking a recommendation.

It was not thought that Miss Oxford's manner of leaving the Asylum warranted the granting of her request. The Kitchen girl had left and a new one been engaged. The Cook wished very much for a new range & it was

Voted

That the Committee for the month are empowered to grant her request if after examination they find it necessary.

Voted

That the Committee see Mary Leach's School teacher and ascertain how many boys' Study out of School are required or expected.

Dr. Folsom had at Dr. Cutter's request been over the Asylum and made many valuable suggestions as to improvements that were possible in ventilation.

Voted

That the Committee <sup>with the addition of Miss M. Parie</sup> be empowered to carry out these suggestions as far as possible.

Voted

That Dr. Folsom through Dr. Cutter be thanked for his kind advice.

Voted

That Dr. Cutter be asked to send in a bill for the vaccine matter used by him in vaccinating the children

Dec. 1885 as well as for his examination of Ruth Graves.

Refused.

Mary Anne Kales Sec.

Jan. 1886 The Managers held their monthly meeting on Jan. 26 at  
19 Brimmed, St.

The meeting was not held at the Asylum on account of an epidemic at there ~~asylum~~ which seemed like typhoid except that it was contagious.

The First and Second Directresses, Treasurer, Secretary and nine Managers were present.

Voted That all bills be paid

Voted That Mrs. Clarke & Miss Ellis be the Committee for the next month.

A place which offered for Grace Rhodes was refused because she was thought to be too young to leave the Asylum.

The new washing machine which was on trial had been liked by those who used it. Two open fire-places had been put into the play room and one of a larger size than the present one into Miss Wilson's School room. Besides the illness among the children Miss Wilcox had pneumonia and Mrs. Rich had been sick. It had been necessary to supply a substitute to take Miss Wilcox's place and also to engage a nurse. One had been found with whom Dr. Cutter had been much pleased.

Voted That an examination of the drains be made.

Voted That a new range be purchased.

It had been found on inquiry that no especial amount of time for study was required at the High School, but that with regard to Mary Leach there were certain branches in which she was as up to the mark. Miss Sumner had therefore been requested to give her a little help.

Annie Grant had been returned but had now been taken by her sister, Mrs. Emerson.

The account of the children's bathing not being satisfactory it was Voted That suitable arrangements for their baths be made by the Committee for the month.

The report of the children's diet was equally unsatisfactory & it was Voted That a bill of fare for every day be arranged by the Committee and tried for the



Jan. 1886 next month; He then reported to the Managers.

Dr. Cutter strongly recommended a change in the room used as a Hospital, as he did not consider the present one suitable.

Totd A letter was read from Dr. Cutter stating that he must resign his place as Physician at the Asylum. That the Secretary write to Dr. Cutter expressing the thanks of the Board for all that he had done; for his watchful devotion to the children when ill & for his kind attention and care at all times.

It was stated that Dr. Chas. V. Putnam would probably be willing to take Dr. Cutter's place at least for a time. This kind offer was accepted with pleasure & it was Totd That the thanks of the Managers be expressed to Dr. Putnam.

Mrs. Clarke did not think from her own observation & from what she had learned from others that Mrs. Rich was efficient enough properly to fill the place of Matron. The want of efficiency might be owing to her poor health. She did not recommend an immediate change as Mrs. Rich was now suffering from <sup>special</sup> illness.

Miss Brown had a very good account of Annie Dennis now eighteen and also of Jerry Broad. Mrs. Sears had also an excellent report of Bertha Johnson.

Ida Brenton had been returned apparently for no fault but because the lady did not care to keep a girl any longer. Totd That Miss Ellis be authorized to put Ida into any place which seems to her a fitting one.

Mrs. Clarke felt doubtful as to the sort of Soap used at the Asylum and the matter was left to the Committee of the month to decide.

Adjourned - Mary Anne Wales, Sec.

Feb. 1886

The monthly meeting was held on Tuesday, Feb. 23

The First-Directress, Treasurer, Secretary and Eleven Managers were present.

Miss Brown had taken the last month in Miss Ellis's place.

Read

That all bills be paid

Read

That Mrs. Colidge and Mrs. Tracy be the Committee for the next month.

An application for the admission of two children had been received from the Children's Mission, but it was refused as the children belonged in New Hampshire, having been taken originally by the Mission from the Keene Almshouse. Anastasia M. Farland a child six years old was presented for admission. Her mother had left her husband finding that he had another wife living; afterwards she married again, but her husband disliked and ill-treated this child, whose case therefore seemed a piteous one. It was

Read

That this little girl be admitted.

Mary Anderson had been returned and was now with Mrs. Guethin. Serious complaints were made of her as stubborn and unmanageable. It was left Mrs. Clarke Mary's guardian with full powers to arrange another place for her.

The Committee had attended to the alterations in the hall of face which seemed to them now satisfactory.

They had also arranged that four evenings in the week should be secured for the children's baths.

They had given orders that Miss Krebs should be in the play room Saturday afternoons, as it was found necessary for some older person to be there. Also they had directed that the older girls should never tend the door in the evening. When the epidemic ceased Dr. Cutler sent word that his work at the Asylum had ended. Dr. Putnam had been notified & had visited the Asylum.

The Board of Health had been consulted about the drainage and found that much needed to be done. Some parts had already been attended to & the rest would be accomplished as soon as possible. The whole job would be



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quite expensive.

The Committee had spoken to Mrs. Rich with regard to her want of efficiency.

An Aunt of Lizzy Eldchwait's who did not tell Lately know where she was would like to take her on trial for three months in the hope that her husband would allow her to keep her permanently. This plan was approved by the Board.

The change of Hospital room recommended by Dr. Cutter was brought up and it was

Voted

That the present nurses room be used as a Hospital.

Adjourned - Mary Anne Wales, Sec.

March 1886

The monthly meeting of the Managers was held on March 30.

The First & Second Directresses, Treasurer, Secretary and ten Managers were present.

Voted

That all bills be paid.

Voted

That Mrs. Ballard and Mrs. Sears be the Committee for the next month.

The mother of Genevieve and Helen Allen had died and her sister had promised her to take care of the little girls. She was willing to take the oldest now but would prefer to have the younger stay for a time longer in the Asylum. The older brothers of the children would pay her something towards their board. A request on the Aunts' behalf to make this arrangement was made by Miss Taber.

Voted

That the request be granted.

Elicie Sylvester had run away from her aunt and was now with Mrs. Guelting. An application had been received from Conn. from a Mr. Mitchell for a girl and it was hoped the place might prove a suitable one for Elicie.

It was

Voted

To offer Mary Leach a home in the Asylum for two years longer, if she wishes to prepare herself for teaching by taking her final year at the High School & a

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year's course at the Normal School.

Two children of Mrs. Labree living in Charleston nine & ten years old were reported as being under bad influences from an older sister and both the Children's Mission and one of the City Missionaries were desirous that they should be put into the Asylum. The mother however hesitated about signing the books and it was  
Voted To refuse the application as unsuitable but to suggest that the Dorchester School would be a very appropriate and desirable place for them.

Ruth Graves was reported as better and sent at Miss Robbins's Hospital. The Dr. thought that Country air would by and by be good for her and it was  
Voted That her board be paid at Mrs. Folsom's for the summer.

Clare Colon was found to have left the Marcella Se. Home to go to her mother and it was feared she was leading a bad life. When she <sup>was</sup> put <sup>that</sup> into the Marcella Se. Home it was understood she would be kept from her mother.

Voted That when the facts of the case are more perfectly learned a statement of the case be made to the Directors of Public Institutions.

Lessie Harmon had gone to her mother.  
Miss Wilcox was found to feel badly about firing up her room and as Dr. Putnam said he could tell better what the most suitable arrangements for illness would be at the time of the illness it was decided to take no further steps at present.

Miss Sumner would like a new reader for the children to which the Managers had no objection.

The Managers desired the Secretary to send a note of thanks to Mrs. Arthur Blake for the welcome present of a barrel of Cranberries and a barrel of Sugar.

Anastasia McFarland had not come to the Asylum, her mother not being willing to sign the books.

Adjourned

Mary Anne Hales, Sec.



April 1886

The monthly meeting of the Managers was held on Tuesday Apr. 27  
The First and Second Directresses, Treasurer, Secretary  
and Ten Managers were present.

Voted

That all bills be paid

Voted

That Mrs Bullard and Miss Storer be the Committee for the  
next month.

The Committee reported that Miss Sylvester had gone to the  
place in Mystic Conn. having been taken down by Miss  
Landers.

The Cook's assistant wished to leave and her older sister  
would like to come in her place.

Mary Day's grandmother had appeared with a writ-  
demanding Mary, it did not yet appear however that the  
grandmother had any legal right to the child; her claim would  
only be valid in case the father who had given her to the  
Asylum should be proved not to have married the child's  
mother.

The Mother of Mary Anderson wished to take her, saying  
that she could give her a good home. As she was not deemed  
a suitable person the application was refused.

Dr. Yenne of Bethel applied for a girl and would like to  
take Grace Rhodes. The matter was left to the Committee  
with full powers to let Grace go if the recommendations  
should prove satisfactory.

Voted

At Miss Wilcox's request it was  
to raise her salary to \$6 - a week.

Mrs. Pierce wished to take her daughter Elizabeth Ann Ever;  
as she brought good references, it was

Voted

That her request be granted.

Another application to take a child was refused on the  
ground that there were no children old enough to go out.

A scarcity of Sunday reading for the younger children  
was reported and the matter was left to the Committee on  
literature.

Mrs. Rich was reported in better health and to have much  
improved in energy.

The foundation stones at Cedar Grove Cemetery which were put-

April 1886 in about three years ago were found to have crumbled.  
The Committee for the month were authorized to have  
all necessary work done.

Mary Leach had decided to accept the offer made by the  
Regnum.

An invitation from Mrs. Hathorne, with whom Margaret  
Curran had formerly lived, for Margaret to pass the Summer  
with her was declined.

Dr. Baker proposed that his assistant should attend  
to the children's teeth under his direction, as he himself  
was not to busy to attend to them. The arrangement  
as Dray would be the same as that formerly made with  
Dr. Baker.

Voted That this proposal be accepted.

The statements in regard to Clara Olsen had been verified  
and information had been given to the Directors of Public  
Institutions. From the reply received it was evident that  
they did not propose to concern themselves in the matter.

Application had been made by a very respectable old  
woman Mrs. Burnside on behalf of her grandchildren, now  
in the Marcella St. Home. As it was doubtful whether  
the children could be removed from the Home the matter  
was referred to the Committee for the next month.

Andrena Wikin had run away from her place in Middleboro  
and for some little time had been lost sight of. She had  
then appeared at her grandfather's, who at Mrs. Corbridge's  
request was ready to keep her and preferred to hold her by  
indenture on account of her mother.

Voted That a donation of \$30 - be sent to Miss Robbins's Hosp. as  
compensation for the care bestowed on Ruth Graves.

Voted That Mrs. Tracy and Mrs. Bullock be appointed a Committee  
to examine the Treasurer's books.

Adjourned - Mary Anne Hales, Sec.



List of Girls who Completed their apprenticeships  
December 1883-

Emma Bartlett - With Mrs. Heathcote; doing well

Mary Ann Meade - Went the relations

Minnie Clarke - Under the charge of her mother; doing well.

Annie Dennis - Well married

May 1st Proceedings of the Managers at their monthly meeting held  
on Tuesday May 25-

The First & Second Vice-presidents, Treasurer, Secretary & 5  
Managers were present.

Voted That all bills be paid. Marianne Paine

Voted That Mrs. Lyman and Miss Storer be the Committee for  
the next month.

Grace Rhodes had gone to Dr. Tunne, of whom a recommendation  
had been received & good accounts of her had been received.

The grandmother of the Burnsides had obtained letters of legal  
guardianship and made application for the admission of  
the children, now in the Marcella St. Home.

Voted That Julia & Fanny Burnside be admitted

Mrs. Perkins a missionary in East Boston applied for the admission  
of two children named Corkham; whose father had died & whose  
mother had during his last illness run away with another  
man. There were respectable relations but none able to take the  
children.

Voted That Minnie and Maud Corkham be admitted.

Two children named Sont were proposed for admission, whose  
father was dead & the mother, a hard-working, industrious  
woman, unable to support these children as she had the  
board of a baby to pay.

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Tried That these children be admitted, if the school is willing to give them into the care of the Asylum till they are eighteen.

Tried Miss Kels's vacation needed to be arranged and it was  
Tried To leave the matter to the Committee for the month.  
Tried To leave to the Committee the arrangement of the teachers' vacations with full powers.

The Committee thought that the House Girls were too much in School and were learning to write housework.

Tried That new arrangements in this respect be made by the Committee for the month with the understanding that the House Girls are to be taken from School in the morning.

Tried That the children attend Mr. Long's Church in the morning during the summer, the houseier fares being paid when necessary, and that a kind invitation for the afternoon from the Old Colony S. School be declined.

The Committee had found three stones at ledge from  
needing stronger foundations and had ordered <sup>the work</sup> done.

Tried That the thanks of the Board be expressed to Messrs. C. L. Avery & Co for the present of a set of 100 pr. Cotton Stockings.  
An undesirable offer to buy the asylum was refused.

Tried That Ruth Graves be boarded at Mrs. Wilson's at \$4 a week.

Good reports were read from Mary Griffiths and Mary Anderson.  
The Treasurer's books were reported correct.

Adjourned - Mary Anne Wales, Sec.

June 1886 The Managers held their monthly meeting on Tuesday evening.  
The First and Second Treasurers, Treasurer, Secretary  
and Eight Managers were present.

Tried That all bills be paid.

Tried That Mrs. Lyman and Miss Ellis be the Committee for the next month.

A number of books and games had been sent to the children by Mrs. Bailard & Mrs. Lyman and they were now well supplied.

Miss Foster who had taught in the Helio School had been engaged to teach in August.



June 1886. Miss Landers, a Cousin of the Miss Landers now in the Asylum had been engaged in Miss Krebs's place, Miss Krebs's time in the Asylum having expired. The Balmiside & Parkham children had been received, the Sinks had been put at board on account of the state of their eyes.

The teacher of Mary Leach made her a very favorable offer; She would take her to Little Red Island for three weeks; Mary would not be paid wages but would have some care of children as equivalent for her board.

Resolved That this offer be accepted.

Miss Hersey made application for the admission of a forlorn child named Margaret Riley. The mother was unworthy and the father dead. A kind aunt of the child's an excellent woman who taught in the Blind Asylum was very anxious that her niece should be put into the Asylum.

Resolved That Margaret Riley be admitted if the mother will sign the books.

Ruth Graves had died and the funeral would be from the Asylum today.

Resolved That a present of \$10 in addition to the apical board be made to Mrs. Tolson on account of the care which had been necessary to give to Ruth.

Resolved That a letter be sent to the Aunt of Emma Probst, telling her that in the autumn Emma will be sent to a place in case she is not then willing to take her herself.

Cynthia Hadley had been removed from her place as it was found she had not been well treated.

She was now with her sister, who had taken her from Mrs. Guethins. The sister proposed keeping her and as Cynthia only wanted a few weeks of being right in it was thought better to let the matter rest.

Resolved That an invitation to Ella Dodge to spend a fortnight with her aunt be refused.

Tried

That - a proposition from the Children's Committee to send to a Central Office our regular applications for the taking & admission of children be tried for one year.

This Center had been formed in <sup>the</sup> hope of simplifying the children of Boston in need of homes & places by acting as a kind of clearing house to the different institutions.

Tried

At Mrs. Robbins's request that she be authorized to transfer Florence Macomber to some other place if she deems it desirable.

Adjourned.

Mary Anne Wales Sec.

July, 1886.

The Managers held their monthly meeting July 27, 1886.

First and Second Directresses, and eight managers present.

Toted

That all bills be paid

Toted

That Mrs. E. Lyman and Miss Lister be the Committee for the month.

We offer had been received from Miss Buckingham, a Sunday School teacher of some of the children, offering to send the children a children's Magazine, published by the Swedenborgians, with the doctrinal parts cut out.

Toted

That Miss Buckingham's offer be accepted.

Mrs. Keith, to whom Eunice Leach is apprenticed had invited Pessie Leach to spend her vacation with her sister.

Toted

That the invitation be accepted.

Miss Dean, the aunt of Lavinia Crockett had been at the assembly, to say that she could not possibly take her niece, but that she had found of a place with a Mr. Keith of Scotland (Glasgow) who afterwards wrote to make inquiries and who sent references. Mrs. Lyman had written to Mr. Keith, and received an answer, but the answer to the references were favorable. It was therefore

Toted

That Lavinia Crockett be ~~sent~~ <sup>sent</sup> to Mr. Keith.



wad E. Smith on a visit of a fortnight, to see if they are suited with her.

Miss Sumner's eyes having troubled her very much, the committee had advised her to go to Dr. Bradworth, who recommended her to wear spectacles.

Told That the Asylum pay the expenses both of Dr. Bradworth's bill, and the spectacles.

Good reports had been received of Ida Brenton, Annie Kirby, and Annie Cameron. They were all to be returned to the Asylum.

Elmina Brouden was ill, and had been taken to Miss Robbins' hospital.

Letters had been received by Miss Paine from the father of Mary Day, stating that he was legally married, but could not now being on board U.S. Ship Tanatia at Stockholm obtain the certificate, but he would write to witnesses, and endeavor to get their statement.

Adjourned.  
H. L. Brown, Sec. pro tem.

Aug. 1886 The Managers held their monthly meeting on Tuesday Aug. 31.

The First Directress, Treasurer, Secretary and eight Managers were present.

That all bills be paid.

Told That Mrs. Robbins and Miss M. Paine be the Committee for the month.

Application for the admission of her child was made by Mrs. Byrne, a woman of good character, who was in poor health and unable to support both herself and the child. She had worked in a store but was obliged to give up her place on account of her health and now hoped to be of service if the little girl could be admitted. Mrs. Byrne's husband had deserted her four years ago.

Told That Mary Byrne be admitted.

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Good places had been found for Anne Cameron, Anne Kirby, and Ida Brenton.

Miss Lunders the assistant-nurse had left & Miss Barton had taken her place. Miss Barton was not very strong but otherwise seemed satisfactory.

Lavinia Crockett had gone to the place spoken of at the last meeting.

No record of Mr. Day's marriage had been found in St. John.

Application was made by the Children's Mission for the admission of Elizabeth Briggs whose mother, a former inmate of Sherborn Prison and Sedham Home, deserted her in 1881.

Voted That Elizabeth Briggs be admitted.

Mrs. Labrie had made once or twice applications for the admission of her two little girls who were not under good influences.

Voted That her request be granted in case she is willing to give up the children.

A good account of Mattie Palmer was received.

Adjourned -  
Mary Anne Wales, Sec.

Sept. 1886

The Managers held their monthly meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 28.

The First and Second Directresses, Treasurer and five managers were present.

Voted That all bills be paid.

Voted That Mrs. Sears and Mrs. Robbins be the Committee for the month.

The Committee reported that the poor children voted in at the last meeting had been brought to the Asylum. There had been some sickness in the course of the month and Ella Dodge was still ill with diphtheria.

Emma Pierce's aunt, Mr. Cahill, living in West Haven, had applied to take Emma. - an answer had been sent to her two sisters. Good recommendations had been received of Mrs. Cahill and it was

Voted That Emma Pierce go to her aunt.



Lizzie Goldthwait's aunt who had taken her for three months could not keep her any longer, and she would accordingly be returned to the Asylum.

Lillie Beck's mother had wished to pay her board for the time that she had been in the Asylum and to take her, but a letter had been written telling her she could not do this. A hearing had been appointed by the Judge of Probate in the matter of Mary Day, but had been postponed on account of the absence of witnesses. The school room was dark as the children & it was voted that the window have the paint cleared away so that the glass in the upper be changed, and that the question of cutting down trees be left to the Trustees & Mrs. Goodwin to decide.

Mr. Cousins would give up his work to Mr. Stinson. Ida Breton had come to Mrs. Darling's.

Fruit had been sent to the children by Mrs. Theodore woman, Mrs. Arthur Blake, Mrs. Ware, Mr. Childs and the Christian Union.

Voted That thanks be sent to Mrs. Blake and Mrs. Ware. It was suggested that Ruth Jones' wage may be given to her sister in the Dorchester School.

Voted That it be given to her. Mrs. Linsedge reported that Grace Rhodes had a very good place.

Miss Gertrude Ellis sent in her resignation as a Manager.

Voted That her resignation be accepted with great regret that she felt obliged to resign and with warm thanks for her past services and with the hope that if at any time she becomes able to take the work up again she will let us know.

Adjourned

Sarah C. Paine Secy pro tem.

Voted That Mrs. A. Lawrence Lowell be invited to become a member of the Board

Oct. 1886

The Annual Meeting of the Asylum was held on Tuesday Oct. 26.

Rev. Dr. Hale conducted the Services & opened the meeting with prayer. "Suffer Little Children" was then Sung, which was followed by the Baptismal Service. Two Children were christened, Mary and Anna LaBrie. The following report - was read by the Secretary.

In preparing a slight - Annual Statement of the Condition of the Asylum for its 88<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, one of the points which most - naturally presents itself is its age. For an American Institution it is really venerable, and unlike many of the Charities of our Mother Country its age is not its only or chief claim upon the public interest. Not only has its strength grown with its years and its means of doing good increased, but never we may venture to say has it done better or more necessary work than now. It is an objection commonly made to Charities endowed or living chiefly on their funds that as times change the wants of the Community change with them; old needs are no longer felt and the money which was bestowed to meet them has been tied up and cannot be set free for the new and more pressing needs of the new time. Moreover, it is thought that as with the individual so with the charity; easy circumstances beget easy living. Those who have charge of expenses do not spend economically, and being independent in a way of the public do not take the pains that they would do if they were liable to be called at any moment to account for their methods & measures. Whether there is truth at the bottom of this feeling we do not know, but in our own case we can say with assurance that <sup>this</sup> it is not so. Why it should ever be that Charitable workers would work more wisely and carefully, when to the inevitable difficulties that rise to meet them is added the further difficulty of raising money seems like an insoluble problem. And this difficulty would often be an increasing one, for it is only natural that as the inward eyes of the wise and charitable are more & more widely open new plans for the benefit of the weak will be devised.



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First Directress  
Second Directress  
Treasurer  
Secretary

— Mrs. Elias Goodwin  
Mrs. Theodore Lyman  
Miss Sarah C. Paine  
Miss Mary Anne Hales

Mrs. F. U. Tracy  
Mrs. Philip H. Sears  
Mrs. Otis Bullard  
Miss Marianne Paine  
Miss Abby M. Storer  
Mrs. Chandler Robbins

Miss Harriet-L. Brown  
Mrs. Eliza C. Clarke  
Mrs. Arthur J. Lyman  
Mrs. J. Randolph Corliss  
Miss Madeline C. Mudgett  
Mrs. A. Lawrence Lowell

### Proceedings of the Managers

Present the First and Second Directresses, Treasurer, Secretary, and eight Managers.

Voted

That all bills be paid

Voted

That Mrs. Lowell and Mrs. Bullard be the Committee for the next month.

Before the taking up of any other business the following vote was passed.

Voted

That whereas John Day brought his daughter Mary Day to the <sup>Boston Female</sup> Asylum and duly executed a written Surrender and Relinquishment of her to this Corporation on March 25 1884 and laid an earnest injunction upon the Managers that under no circumstances should his daughter be allowed to go back to his mother Mary Ann Day, and whereas John Day enlisted in the Navy of the United States and left the Country and is now serving according to the last addresses in the neighborhood of Japan, and whereas after John Day had left the Country, his Mother obtained in the Probate Court for Suffolk County an appointment as guardian of Mary Day, but gave no notice to the Asylum or its Managers and alleged that the father was neglecting to provide for his daughter, which was not true since she was under the care and protection of the Managers of the Asylum and was well cared for, and whereas John Day has lately written to have the Guardianship of his Mother revoked and Cancelled and has requested

Oct. 1886 Robert Treat Paine to be appointed guardian of his daughter  
and whereas Robert Treat Paine is written to be appointed,  
now the Board of Managers hereby expresses the judgment  
that the appointment of Mary Ann Day should be revoked  
and Cancelled and that Robert Treat Paine should be  
appointed guardian of Mary Day, and respectfully prays the  
Probate Court for Suffolk County to revoke and Cancel the ap-  
pointment of Mary Ann Day as guardian and to appoint  
Robert Treat Paine guardian of Mary Day.

The Committee reported that Emma Pierce had, in her account  
that Mary <sup>June</sup> Riley had been admitted through her mother's name from  
Sind - little stand could not win the lot. Miss Pierce would see  
that this was done when Mrs. Riley should return.

Voted That the act of the Comtee in admitting Mary <sup>June</sup> Riley be  
Sanctioned by the Board.

Elizabeth Goldthwait was again in the room and on Mrs. Paine's  
motion it was

Voted That the visiting Committees for the next few months should  
make special inquiries as to the mental & physical condition of  
this child so that if there be such as to preclude the possi-  
bility of sending her to a place by & by some other home more  
suitable than this may be found for her.

Voted That an application for Ada Black be left to the Comtee.  
Mrs. Louse made application to take care of her children.  
She was a worthy woman able to do some work but liable to insan-  
ity. She had however been sane for a year & was living on the  
same house with relatives, who seemed like respectable working  
people.

Voted That the elder girl Julia May go to her mother.

The case of Melinda Hayes O'Shea was presented by Mrs.  
Reftern. The child had no mother & her father was advanced in  
years & not able to earn very much money. He lived with  
a widowed daughter who had several children of her own &  
could not very conveniently keep this one in addition. There  
were other grown up brothers and sisters though none of  
them seemed able to keep this child, who was sometimes  
swarming Boston Streets too much for her food.

Voted That Melinda Hayes O'Shea be admitted.





Oct. 1886 Expenses Chargeable to Income

Provisions	436.51
Salaries & Wages	4,297.01
Clothing	899.59
Furniture	308.82
Repairs	3,316.29
Incidental	667.77
Fuel	627.87
Orders to the Nation for the use of the Asylum	250.-
Board of children	710.53
Prices	<u>46.-</u>
	13,7492.27

Payments on account of Principal

Pd. 90 ¢ on Subscription to 34 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>10</sub> Blocks Chicago Kansas & Western Railway Co.	3060.-
" 15 Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe. rights	19.50
" 50 ¢ on Subscription to 36 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>10</sub> Blocks Southern Kansas Railway Co	<u>1800.-</u>
	4,879.50

Cash deposited in Old Boston National Bank	<u>171.47</u>
	2,543.24





Nov. 1886

Proceedings of the Managers at their monthly meeting held on Tuesday, Nov. 30.

The First and Second Directresses, Treasurer, Secretary and Eleven Managers were present.

Voted

That all bills be paid.

Voted

That Mrs. Lowell and Miss Brown be the Committee for the month.

The Comtee reported the purchase of different stuffs for clothes & of music books for the children.

Mr. Lang, the organist of the South Congregational Church, asked leave to train some of the children's voices in order that they might take part in the singing of the afternoon service. The plan was approved by Mr. Johnson and it was

Voted

That Mr. Lang's offer be accepted.

The Assistant nurse had left after a week's stay, not liking the work. At Mrs. Vick's suggestion the work had been entrusted to Ella Dodge who was thus far doing it very well.

The table-girl had been dismissed as it was thought the house girls should do the work.

Certain arrangements in the school seemed to need alteration and it was left to the Committee of the month to make the required changes after consultation with Mrs. Vick and Miss Sumner.

Dr. Putnam would like printed blanks to fill out when children were to be admitted in order to avoid all possible mistake as to the identity of the children.

Voted

That his request be granted.

Ten new sacks being needed by the children it was

Voted

That the Committee be authorized to purchase them ready-made.

A place apparently desirable offered for ~~some~~ <sup>Miss</sup> ~~Hanson~~ <sup>Hanson</sup> at Amesbury and as ~~some~~ <sup>she</sup> was reported somewhat discontented at the asylum it was

Voted

That if on inspection the place seems suitable one to the Committee they shall become to get it.

Annie Camdon's guardian reported that she had left her place, but that another had been found for her, by Mrs.



Nov. 1886 Lodging in Pomfret, Conn.

Good reports were received from Martha Johnson and from Lillie Beck.

Mr. Butler's offer concerning a library had been declined.

In regard to Mary Day the Judge of Probate had refused to grant the petition of the Asylum for a change of guardianship.

Almina Bowdoin was again at the Refuge and had improved very much.

Moved

That twenty-five dollars be sent to the House of the Good Samaritan in acknowledgement of the kind care bestowed upon Almina during her three months stay in the Summer.

The change desired in the glass of the School-room windows had been made.

Moved

That when presents of fruit, vegetables &c. be sent to the Asylum they be acknowledged at the time by the Committee without waiting for the monthly meeting.

Resolved -

Mary Anne Hales, Sec.

Dec. '86

The Managers held their monthly meeting on Tuesday Dec. 28.

Present; the First and Second Directresses, Treasurer, Secretary and Ten Managers.

Moved

That all bills be paid.

Moved

That Miss Ford and Mrs. Macy be the Committee for the next month.

Miss Paine stated that the trial in regard to Mary Day would come before the Supreme Court on Wednesday and as she Miss Brown would only be able to attend in the morning she proposed that two other Managers should volunteer for the afternoon. Mrs. Sears and Mrs. Macy agreed to do this.

The Committee reported that Alice Hanson had been abducted by her mother as she was walking in the Street.

Dec. '76 By Mr. Vines advice Miss Brown had sent a Police Officer to Mr. Massey's house to demand the girl but with no result. It was therefore

Voted That application be made to the Supreme Court for a writ of Habeas Corpus for the recovery of Alice Hanson. It was also

Voted That no girl be allowed to go out on an errand in school hours or during the short days after the afternoon school.

Application was made for the admission of a child now in the Temporary Home, Mary Eunice Rich. Both parents were living but the father had deserted his family, only returning occasionally, and the mother was not satisfactory. A grandmother seemed fond of the child and did not wish her to be adopted, though she could do nothing for her support at present. It was

Voted That Mary Eunice Rich be admitted whenever her father shall sign the books.

Application was made for Addaide Anderson by St. Mrs. Burrows of Saccarappa Maine. Addie was a good, obedient girl though not very bright and as the place seemed a very promising one it was

Voted That she go on trial for three months with the privilege of returning to the Asylum at the end of that time, in case of her not proving satisfactory.

The resignation of Miss Sumner on account of poor health was heard by the Managers with great regret. Miss Sumner had spoken of Miss Hamilton an Englishwoman by birth as a person who would she thought be competent to take her place. Miss Hamilton had been to the Asylum and visited the school. As she had seemed to the Committee to do well it was

Voted That Miss Hamilton be engaged on trial for three months.

It was stated that a large number of bed room fires were used in the house and the Committee were requested to investigate and report on this subject at the next meeting.

Caroline Hatten was reported to be doing well teaching at -



Dec. '86

the South. Good reports were received from Annie Cameron, Ida Brenton and Alice Broad and a better one from Elsie Sylvester.

The Treasurer's books were reported to have been examined and found correct.

Adjourned. -

Mary Anne Hales, Sec.

January '87.

The monthly meeting of the Managers was held on Tuesday, Jan. 25. The First and Second Directresses, Treasurer, Secretary and Eleven Managers were present.

Voiced

That all bills be paid.

Voiced

That Mrs. Corbridge and Miss Minter be the Committee for the next month.

The Committee reported that Adelaide Anderson had gone to her place. That Alice Hanson had been received and sent to Mrs. Bloom. The case had been tried before the Supreme Court and the judge had decided in favor of returning the girl to the Asylum. She had been again with Mrs. Bloom but had now gone to Springfield where with Mrs. Fairfield.

Mrs. Theodore Lyman agreed to be guardian of Alice Hanson.

Mary Rich had been admitted but it was feared that her father did not understand the precise agreement into which he had entered. It was therefore

Voiced

That measures be taken to ~~prevent~~ put an end to all possible misapprehensions on his part.

Voiced

That henceforth whenever application is made for the admission of a child the Manager for the month shall read to the applicant the agreement to be signed; and when this cannot be done that the Manager be responsible for its being done by some other person.

Voiced

That a new book be procured to contain the signatures of persons surrendering children to the Asylum and that the agreement to be signed be printed at the top of every page.

Voiced

That the thanks of the Board be presented by the Secretary.

Jan. 17 Mrs. W. J. Stone for the Committee legal notice for which they have lately been obliged to call on him.

Voted That Mrs. Clarke Confer with Dr. Putnam about the matter spoken of at a previous meeting and do what then seems to be may desire.

Mrs. Summels, the new teacher, was apparently doing well. The children's shoes were pronounced to be in a very satisfactory condition and it was

Voted That the Committee make investigations on this subject and report.

Application for the admission of a little girl now at the Children's Mission was made. The mother was dead, the father was a shiftless man who could do nothing more than take charge of his little boy. There was now no one to take care of the little girl, as her aunt with whom she had once lived washed out from memory, thought - and was now moreover on bad terms with the father. These circumstances having been heard it was

Voted That Della J. Reed be admitted.

There was some difference of opinion in the house as to the proper arrangements for bringing Miss Wilson's little children to their School room. It was

Voted That Ella Vode continue to conduct them thither.

The Managers expressed great dissatisfaction with Mrs. Barnham in many respects and it was

Voted That the Secretary write that asking her resignation. Referred.

Mary Anne Hales, Secretary

Feb. 8 The Managers held their monthly meeting on Feb. 22

The First & Second Directresses, Treasurer, Secretary and nine Managers were present.

Voted That all bills be paid.

Voted That Mrs. Sears and Mrs. Wright be the Committee for the next month.

Mrs. Wright had been engaged to take Mrs. Barnham's



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place. Her recommendations were good and thus far she had done well.

Mary King's defective eyesight - was spoken of and the Kinder-  
garten for the Blind was spoken of as an appropriate  
place for her when it should be opened.

Annie Cameron had gone to Bolton where her brother was  
living and was at service in an apparently good place.  
The Secretary was requested to write Mrs. Campbell, formerly  
Miss Sumner, & desire that all intercourse between her  
and the Asylum should cease. This course was rendered  
necessary by circumstances attending her marriage.

It was

Told

That the Committee for the French Speak Miss Hamilton  
whose three months trial were drawing toward an end  
and say that she must furnish recommendations  
of her character as she came originally on Miss  
Sumner's recommendation, which was now without value.  
Also that they signify to her that they do not wish  
the Teacher at the Asylum to read with Mrs. Campbell.  
Mrs. Glidden, who was well known to the Managers as the  
lady with whom Sophia Horst had once lived and who  
now had a girl from the Asylum doing very well in her  
family, made application for another, younger girl. She  
expected to come to Boston in April and it was

Told

That she at that time be offered her choice between  
one or two girls of suitable age.

There seemed a demand for more housework from the girls & it was

Told

That the Committee consult with the Matron & if desirable  
make the following arrangement: to take all girls twelve  
years old and over out of school every morning till noon.

Adjourned -

Mary Anne Hayes, Secretary

March 25 The monthly meeting of the Managers was held on Tuesday  
March 29. Present, First-Directors, Second Directors,  
Treasurer, Secretary and ten Managers.

Voted That all bills be paid.

Voted That Mrs. Wilbur Roman and Mrs. Tracy be the Committee  
for the next month.

The Committee reported that the new arrangement of keeping  
the older girls out of school to do housework till recess had  
worked very well. Mrs. Gladden had been at the lecture  
and had chosen Uddie Locke. Ella Lodge would be 17 yrs.  
old early in April and it would be necessary to decide  
whether she should be engaged permanently to take the  
place of Assistant-Nurse.

Voted That Ella Lodge be engaged <sup>for</sup> in this position at wages of \$3.  
a week.

Some good applications for girls were received but it was  
Voted That there are no girls at present old enough to find out.  
Application to take Minnie Hudson was made by Mrs. Warner,  
the lady with whom Mrs. Hudson had lived for a long time,  
who had placed Minnie in the Asylum with the hope of  
taking her when she should be able to work.

Voted That if the Committee find Mrs. Warner's references satisfactory  
Minnie be allowed to go.

Mrs. Lunde who had taken her older daughter now applied for  
Bertha. Voted That Bertha Lunde be allowed to go to her  
mother.

Voted That a request from Mrs. Bowman to take her daughter Grace Lowell  
be refused.

Ellen Allen's Aunt was very desirous that she should be kept  
in the Asylum.

A half-sister of Lida Adams wrote desiring to take her.  
Voted That Lida's guardian write and say that the Managers consider  
Lida in a very good place, in which they have contracted to keep  
her.

Alice Broad had returned to Boston & Mrs. Robinson hoped to  
get her a good place at low wages in England.

Letty McElroy's guardian asked the opinion of the Board in  
regard to changing Letty's <sup>place</sup> owing to certain circumstances that had  
arisen. She herself recommended no change.



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- Resolved That this matter be left to Betty's guardian.  
Mr. Byron Hatchitt the great uncle of Florence Macomber expressed his willing ness to take his niece.  
Resolved That Annie Florence Macomber be bound to Mr. Hatchitt  
Excellent recommendations of Miss Hamilton had been obtained and it was  
Resolved To engage her permanently as teacher, on condition that she secures another boarding place.

Adjourned -

Mary Anne Wales, Sec.

April '87 April 26 - The meeting of the Managers was adjourned for half an hour from respect to the memory of their First-Directress, the news of whose death after a short illness they were shocked and grieved to hear. A note was sent to inquire the time and place of the funeral and to ask whether it would be agreeable that a deputation of the children should attend it. The Second Directress at the request of the Managers went into the School room to inform the children of the sad event.

The meeting was called to order at about eleven o'clock. The Second Directress, Treasurer, Secretary and ten Managers were present.

Prior to all other business it was

- Resolved That a Committee be appointed to draw up resolutions testifying to the great loss which the Asylum has suffered and to present the same at the next meeting.

Also that full power be given to this Committee to send a copy of the Resolutions immediately to Mrs. Gordon's family.

- Resolved That Miss Stales and Miss Brown be this Committee.

- Resolved That all bills be paid.

- Resolved That Miss Brown and Miss Storer be the Committee for the month.

The Committee reported that Margaret Reilly's mother was unwilling to sign the books giving up her child into the care of the Asylum.

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Voted

That - a note be written to Miss Kewey who had put the child in, asking her to take her away as soon as possible.

It was said that respectable relations of Mr. Keilly living in Springfield would take charge of Margaret.

Mr. & Mrs. Pond made application to take their children. Mrs. Pond was no longer in the Insane Asylum and Mr. Pond proposed removing this native place Nashua, N. H. where he hoped to get some work. He also hoped for a pension.

Voted

That - these children be given into the charge of their parents, with the understanding that they cannot be re-admitted into the Asylum.

Application was made for the admission of a child named Sherman, whose mother lived in Lynn. As the little girl had a father living and came from Lynn the application was refused.

Voted

Mrs. Mary Barton, a widow, earned \$2 a week at service and said she could not get higher wages, not being very capable. Her looks verified her statement and it was that her daughter, Elsie Lillian Barton, for whose admission she applied, be taken in. The child was now at the Children's Mission.

A question arose as to the appropriate supply of clothes to be given to the Ponds. The matter was left to the Committee with the request that they should report at the next meeting as a guide for future occasions.

Miss Hilcox thought too many duties were thrown upon her and the Committee were requested to see whether she cannot be relieved by the older girls or in some other way. A similar request in regard to Miss O'Connell's work was made of them.

As Minnie Hudson's mother was unwilling to have her living at such a distance from herself it had been decided that she should not go to Mrs. Hallen.

Voted

It seemed necessary to remove Selty McElroy from Mrs. Toyle's & it was so put her at Mrs. Guelthorn's till another place can be found for her.



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Voted  
Voted

At Miss Paine's request it was  
That an effort be employed to examine her books  
Adjourned.  
Mary Anne Wales, Sec.

May - 27

The monthly meeting was held on Tuesday May 31  
The Second Directress, Treasurer, Secretary and five  
Managers were present.

Voted  
Voted

That all bills be paid  
That Miss M. Paine and Mrs. Ballard be the Comtee  
for the next month.

The two Bonds had gone according to the vote passed at  
the last meeting. Suitable arrangements about the  
housework had been made.

A little girl named Tauphan was offered for admission  
by her grandmother who had been ill all winter  
with rheumatism and was not able to work for her  
support. The child's father was dead and the mother  
a bad woman.

Voted

That this child be admitted.  
Mrs. Dapd. also offered her grand daughter for admission, but  
this application was refused as the father was simply  
unwilling, not unable to do for his child and if he should  
persist in not supporting her it was thought that the  
adoption of the child from the Children's Mission would  
be a more suitable arrangement.

Another application for Minnie Hudson was received  
from Framingham the town in which Mrs. Hudson  
lived. As Minnie was thought too young to leave the  
Asylum it was not thought worth while to inquire  
further in regard to this place.

Ada Adams had not been satisfactory in her place and  
it had been deemed best to allow her to go to her sister  
in Penn. who wished her to be with her.

Mrs. Mrs. Shatton with whom Ada had been washed  
another child and it was

Voted

That they be offered their choice between Theresa  
Murray and Bessie Leach.

May 27 It had been decided that Letty McElroy should stay in her place.

Voted That all the children wear two aprons a week.

Voted That the Comtee for the months of March & Sept. ask the Nation to take an account of stock of the children's clothes.

Voted That Mrs. Theodore Lyman be elected First Directress

Voted That all the Managers be requested send to the Secretary before the next meeting the name of the lady whom they consider most suitable to act as Second Directress with a view to an election at that time.

Voted That Mrs. Alexander Hadsoroth be invited to become a member of the Board.

The following resolutions drawn up in accordance with the ~~order~~ ~~passed~~ at the last meeting were read.

Whereas it has pleased our Heavenly Father to remove from the scenes of her earthly usefulness our First Directress, Mrs. Maria Gordon, we, the Managers of the Boston Female Asylum desire to record our high appreciation of her character and of her valuable services - continued now through many years - as well as our own expression of personal grief and loss.

Therefore, Resolved: that in the death of Mrs. Gordon the Society has lost a President - whose straightforward rectitude, impartial justice and wise moderation have long faithfully counselled us in our deliberations. There have been felt throughout the large household under our charge, to which her time and thought were freely given; whose Christian temper made her ever ready to encourage and advise and to speak the necessary word at the fitting time; whose interest in the children, especially the more feeble and unfortunate was tender and unfailing, and of whose love sympathy even the least among them might be assured.

Resolved: that while we mourn her death with a sincere sorrow and shall long miss her genial presence, the sincerity and purity of her life and example have so impressed themselves upon us, that she "being dead yet speaketh".



May 17 Resolved - that a Copy of these Resolutions be sent - to her family,  
with our heart-felt Sympathy  
In the Managers

Harriet L. Brown  
Mary Anne Hales

Adjourned  
Mary Anne Hales, Sec.

June 17 The Managers held their Monthly Meeting on Tuesday, June 27  
The Dist. Directors, Treasurer, Secretary and seven Managers  
were present.

Voted That all bills be paid.

Voted That Mrs. Corlidge and Miss M. Paine be Committee for  
the next month.

The Comtee reported several applications for children,  
but no children were ready to go.

A new floor was needed for the Hospital.

Voted That the matter be left to Miss Paine, as Comtee on  
affairs.

Miss Foster who had served last summer as vacation teacher  
applied for the situation this summer.

Voted That Miss Foster be chosen to fill this place.

It was necessary that Betty M. Gray should leave her place.

The Secretary had received so many votes for Miss Storl  
as Second Directress that it was

Voted That Miss Storl be elected Second Directress.

Voted That all the children too old to wear bibs be provided with  
napkins, towels or some similar appliance for the  
securing of cleanly table habits.

Adjourned.

Mary Anne Hales, Sec.

The Managers held their monthly meeting  
July '87 July 26.

The First Directors, Second Directors, Treas.  
and seven managers were present.

Told That all bills be paid.

Told That Mr. William Thomas and Mr. Rob-  
tins be the committee for next month.

An application was made by the Chil-  
dren's Mission for the admission of a child,  
but as she had been adopted in two dif-  
ferent places, and returned on account of  
her former conduct, it was

Told That the admission of the Children's  
Mission be refused.

The committee and board of Managers have  
been found her attitude and management,  
and applied at the asylum to know what  
was best to do with her. They were recom-  
mended to apply to the Refuge, where the  
matron consented to take her.

Little Joe Eason had left his place, and  
another had been found for her in Wisconsin.

Nellie Allan's brother, having married,  
had applied for her, but as the place was  
not deemed desirable it was

Told That her application be refused.

As having been ascertained that she  
cannot enter the Boston Normal School  
without going through the advanced class  
at the High School, it was therefore

Told That Anne Smith shall remain here  
two years longer instead of one, in order to  
complete her education as teacher.

A gift of cups and saucers from the so-  
ber board of Mr. Peabody's church had been  
received and it was

Told That the thanks of the Society be given  
to the Society for their gift.



A gift of a copy of the first report of the Boston Female Asylum had been received from Mr. Charles D. Kellogg of New York.

*Resolved* That the thanks of the Asylum be given withal to him through the Secretary.

An offer <sup>to sell</sup> of a lot of land near Baylston Station for a future building for the Asylum had been made by Mr. Geo. T. Curtis, as well as the loan of it for picnic purposes. It was

*Resolved* That Mr. Curtis offer be declined on the ground that the Asylum had no present plan of purchase of building, and that his offer of the loan of the lot be suitably acknowledged.

Mrs. Glidden, having found that two girls did not work well together proposed to return Willie Locke, but would keep her until a good place could be found for her.

Accounts had been received of Linnia Crockett from Mr. & Mrs. Keith, who were unwilling to keep her any longer. The chief ground of complaint was her untidiness to their children. Miss Snow, her guardian, undertook to find her a place.

Adjourned.

H. L. Brown, Sec. pro tem.

The Managers held their monthly meeting Aug. 30, 1887.

The Second Directress, Treasurer, and five Managers were present.

*Resolved* That all bills be paid

*Resolved* That Mrs. Robbins and Miss Prime be the committee for the month.

The children were all well, and had had two picnics, and a third <sup>was</sup> in prospect.

Application had been made for the admission of a child named Jerry, living in Dooan St. by a sister, a little girl, who stated that her father was dead, and her mother dying in consumption. As the case seemed urgent it was  
Told. That if the girl returns, the case be investigated by the committee of the month, and the child admitted if the committee think proper.

Mrs. Champagne, a woman born in Roxbury, and married to a man of French descent, who had been dead two years, applied for the admission of two little girls of eight and five years. Her recommendations and statements seemed such as to warrant the admission of the children. It was therefore  
Told. That Bertha Edison and Marie Ann Champagne be admitted to the Academy.

The case of the Clark twins came up. As their mother would like to take them herself, but wants us to keep them as long as possible, it was  
Told. That these girls remain until they are fourteen.

Mrs. Gould of Norwich, Maine, renewed her application for Theresa Murray. This application had been thoroughly investigated in June by Mrs. Sulland, and Mrs. Gould, having removed the only obstacle to the child's going, it was  
Told. That Theresa Murray be bound to Mrs. Gould.

Mrs. Ripley of Southbury applied for admission.  
Told. That Mrs. Ripley's application be refused, because we prefer to send our girls into the country.

Mrs. C. Cadlin of Andover applied for a girl. It was thought a good place for Addie Locke, who is to be returned by Mrs. Shidden, but there was a reluctance in Mrs. Cadlin's ear with regard to some "boys" whom she had at home.



and it was

Resolved That Miss Brown, the present guardian of Addie Locke make the requisite inquiries, and settle the matter according to the instructions of the Board.

The Treasurer having been notified that Miss Abby Jones had left a legacy of \$5000 to the Asylum, which the executors were ready to pay over, it was

Resolved That Miss Sarah C. Paine, Treasurer, be authorized to receive the sum of \$5000, from the estate of Miss Abby Jones.

In excellent likeness of our late beloved and respected First Dissectress, Mrs. Goodwin having been received from her daughter, it

Resolved That the thanks of the Asylum for Dr. Seawent's to the family of Mrs. Goodwin for their most valuable and acceptable gift.

Adjourned.

H. L. Brown,  
Sec. pro tem.

The monthly meeting of the Managers was held Sept. 27, 1857.

First and Second Dissectresses, Treasurer and eleven managers were present.

Resolved That all bills be paid

Resolved That Mrs. Birde and Miss Brown be the committee for the month.

Mrs. Lyman, Mrs. Blake and Mr. Childs had sent fruit to the children, which had been suitably acknowledged.

The children's pic-nic at Marlborough had taken place. The children had a delightful time, and Alice Nichols had written so good an account of it, that it was thought

Resolved That to send a copy of it to Mr. Brown, who would save "him" the chief morn of the excursion, and also the thanks of the Managers.



Mrs. Robbins had bought some games for the children, and Miss Orcutt had given them a corner set, which had been placed in the yard.

The two little girls, Rutha and Ellen Thompson, had come to the Re-  
sum, and seemed to be nice little girls.

Miss Paine reported that Elsie Sylvester had run away from her place, with her father. It was

Resolved That the Secretary write to Mr. Lykes, informing him of the unlawfulness of his proceedings, and setting before him the responsibility he is incurring, and the need of watchfulness over Elsie, if she is to be kept from view.

Miss Paine had thought that Lillie Peck, who is boarded with Mrs. Lovell at Oakham might be sent to Miss Mitchell in Elsie's place. She wrote to Mrs. Lovell, and the letter of the latter having been read to the board, it was

Resolved That Lillie Peck remain with Mrs. Lovell until spring.

Miss Paine also reported that Letty McElroy had left her place, and was rather hard to manage. She was at present at Mr. Loathing's.

Miss Brown had found Mrs. Collins an unsuitable place for Addie Tucker, but as Mrs. Davis of Chapin was having a boy for a girl, Miss Brown had found her more satisfactory, and Addie had been transferred from Mrs. Lidden to Mrs. Davis. Mrs. Davis had written to Miss Brown, giving a very satisfactory account of the girl.

In the uncertainty with regard to the children's place of worship induced by the change of location of the South Cong'l. Church



Voted

That the children go to Mr. Young's church  
for the summer worship next  
Sunday, unless they receive an invitation  
from Dr. Hale's Society, and if such in-  
vitation does not come, that the Secretary  
shall write to Dr. Hale, and ask whether  
any arrangement can be made for them.

The Treasurer reported the receipt of  
Miss Abby Jones' legacy of \$500.

Adjourned.

H. L. Brown, Sec. Soc. tem.

Oct. 8. The Annual Meeting of the Boston Female Asylum was held on Tuesday, Oct. 25, at 10.30 A.M.

The Services were conducted by Rev. Dr. Hale who baptized three children: Elsie Lillian Boston, Sarah Jane Mrs. Trenchard and Mary Ann Thompson.

The following report was read by the Secretary.

The last session of October falls before again not only those immediately responsible for the well-being of this old Institution, but many others, its friends and well-wishers who are interested more or less for themselves as to its condition and progress, to hear what is said of the children and what the children have say for themselves. Little if we is technically called a report is needed. The words of one year answered with little alteration for the next. We are thankful to speak of a year of good health; there has been no epidemic to turn the house into a Hospital, no serious illness even among the children, none which has required the attendance of a physician in the house. Even in small families this is a blessing always appreciated, in a large one like this it is doubly valued. The working of the household and its arrangements have been satisfactory and many influences for good have been brought to bear upon the children. We have feared that a great disappointment and trial are to come to the children in the possible loss of their Church with its pastor, who has been for so many years their kind friend, and its many interests which introduce a welcome variety into their life. The matter is hardly yet decided. It would be very pleasant if they could remain parishioners of the South Congregational Society and take their steps westward with the rest of the parish. But if this cannot be they must find a new Church home elsewhere.

Would that their own Home also could take a westward move. The Asylum is in its old place, not because of choice on the part of the Managers, but because they have not yet seen their way to make any change. Moving is a very serious and very expensive



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operation and involves many questions beside that of an improved situation; but as money comes in from one and another source the difficulty as funds may prove less formidable. This year we would gratefully acknowledge the receipt of a legacy of \$5000 from the late Mrs. Abby Jones. It may be a welcome aid in settling the possibilities of the future.

The number of children is at present 18. Since last October we have sent away 9 girls and received 7. Of those who have left 3 have gone to places provided by the Managers, in which it is hoped they will have good and happy homes till they are eighteen years old; the other 4, two pairs of Sisters, have been taken by their parents, and it is rather singular that temporary insanity, in one case of a mother, in the other of a father, was the cause which had originally made their admission important; this cause having been in both cases removed there was no further occasion for separating parents and children. It may not be amiss to say that the special and distinctive work of the Asylum is for those children who may possibly at some time be returned to their relations, or who from other causes are not suitable for adoption. More than one Institution are ready to receive children of the latter class, and we have no desire to encroach on their work. But our responsibilities are great; we are thankful that they are not made greater by questions involving the permanent separation of children and parents. Adoption is a terrible word when a child has a living parent; it may in such cases be sometimes a sad necessity, but we are glad that it is not our business to place it.

At the April meeting <sup>of the</sup> Managers advised that a great loss had come upon them. Their first Director, who for many years had patiently and impartially guided their meetings, whose frequent visits had lightened the cares of the Institution, who was always ready to speak the necessary word of counsel, reproof or encouragement and whose heart had gone out to the children as their own family, had been suddenly

Oct. 27 taken from them. They had seldom missed her before, for she was ~~with~~ absent from their meetings; they knew how much they should miss her in the future and they felt that their loss was heavy.

In these 27 years many places of good and wise workers have become vacant and God in His Providence has raised up Successors to carry on the work. May the line of Succession go on unbroken, may wholehearted labourers always be found to gather in the harvest which is always ripening, and may what was done by those of old time be increased and strengthened by their children.

The Prizes were distributed by the First-Directress

as follows.

To	Charlotte E. Herndon	as The Most-Deserving Girl	\$6 -
	Katharine Davis	" The Best-Little Girl	" 3 -
	Laurie H. Martin	for Helpfulness	\$3 -
	Ellen Allan	" Helpfulness & Patience	" 3 -
	in the Care of the Younger Children.		
	Alice Nichols	for Thoroughness in housework & Industry and Improvement in School	
	Caroline Johnstone	for General Improvement & Good Scholarship	
	Minnie Haddon	for Obedience & Industry	
	Maud Clark	" Industry, Faithfulness & Excellence in needlework	

The girls whose names follow had done nearly as well as those receiving prizes and were thought worthy of honorable mention.

Margaret Bradley	for General Improvement
Edith Gibson	" Improvement in Study
Mary Ellen Bradley	" Excellence in Conduct
Margaret D. Cullen	" Obedience & Industry
Kelene R. Gibson	" Good Scholarship
Katie Rice	" Industry & Faithfulness
Maud Susan Johnson	" Obedience
Jessie Hampstead	" Faithfulness & Good Temper
Grace Johnson	" Industry & Good Temper
Melinda Agnes O'Shea	" Improvement



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 Clara Swenson " Industry & Good Conduct  
 Bella Jane Reid " Good Conduct.

The Exercises were varied by much Singing and Recitation on the part of the Children.

Dr. Hale, Mr. Montross of the Warren St. Baptist Sunday School, and Mr. Butler from Warren St. Chapel.

Spoke to the Children. Mr. Hale gave the Benediction and invited Subscribers to assign to the Managers' Room. There

the following list of Officers and Managers was elected, the Officers being also chosen as Managers.

First Directors	Mrs. Theodore Lyman
Second Directors	Miss Abby M. Potter
Treasurer	Miss S. C. Pease
Secretary	Miss M. A. Hales

#### Managers

Mrs. F. M. Tracy	Mrs. Edith C. Clarke
Miss C. L. Brown	Mrs. Arthur J. Lyman
Mrs. Philip H. Sears	Mrs. J. R. Cortidge
Miss Marianne Pease	Miss M. C. Moxley
Mrs. Ohio Ballard	Mrs. A. Lawrence Lowell
Mrs. Chandler Robbins	Mrs. A. F. Hudson

The following vote was passed.

Voted

That the Managers are authorized to appoint a Committee who shall take the measures necessary to petition the Legislature to give to the <sup>Managers of the</sup> ~~Assembly~~ legal guardianship of the Children placed under their care.

#### Managers' Meeting

The First and Second Directors, Treasurer, Secretary and nine Managers were present.

Voted

That all bills be paid

Voted

That Miss Brown and Mrs. Clarke be the Committee for the next month.

The first Subject under discussion was the Children's Church.

Oct. 17 From what Dr. Hall has written and said it appeared very doubtful whether when the pews in the new Church should be sold there would be room for the children. He would be very sorry to lose them and proposed in any event to set apart seats for some of the older girls. The Committee on the church were authorized to decide this question. Several invitations had been sent but that to Mr. Jones, the New South Church, was refused in case the children could no longer go to the South Congregational Society. The Secretary was requested to decline <sup>with thanks</sup> an invitation sent by the Berkeley St. Church, and some others were also declined.

Mrs. Fairfield, a lady well known to the Managers with whom Annie Hanson was now living, made application for a good plot for her mother, who was connected with the Indian Orchard Mills. She recommended the place as an excellent one.

That the Comtee are empowered to allow any suitable plot to go to this place.

Annie Cameron was reported ill. Letty McElroy must change her place on account of dissatisfaction, which her guardian did not think strange, as the place was more than commonly quiet. Almira Bowdoin's place had also been changed. Good accounts were received of Theresa Murray, Grace Rhodes & Fiddie Anderson.

That the thanks of the Board be sent Mr. Hanson for his long continued kindness in teaching singing to the children.

That the four officers constitute a Comtee <sup>measures are</sup> to see what is necessary to obtain legal guardianships of the children.

Mrs. Tracy and Mrs. Ballard were appointed by the Board Directors a Comtee to examine the Treasurer's Books.

The Treasurer's Report was read

### Treasurer's Report, October 19, 1887

Cash on hand, October 22, 1886

171.47

" additional in the Bank, being amount of an old check never presented

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Received Income

Received on account of Principal

Expenses Chargeable to Income

Provisions	4,437.94
Salaries & Wages	4,171.42
Clothing	847.61
Furniture	229.70
Repairs	374.78
Accidental	708.24
Fuel	694.99
Orders to the Matron for the use of the Asylum	230. -
Board of Children	601.42
Insurance	120. -
Prizes	46. -
	<hr/> 12,482.10

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## Payments on account of Principal

Paid final instalment 10 <sup>9</sup> p on Subscription to 3 <sup>4</sup> / <sub>10</sub> Blocks Chicag, Kansas & Western Railway Co.	333.24
Paid 3 instalments 30 <sup>9</sup> p on Subscription to 3 <sup>6</sup> / <sub>10</sub> Blocks Southern Kansas Railway Co.	1173.00
Paid 3 <sup>4</sup> / <sub>10</sub> Blocks Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe R.R. Co. under Circular 57	0.00 -
Paid for 30 Shares new Stock Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe R.R. Co.	5,100 -
Paid for one fraction Fitchburg R.R.	36.10
	<u>14,045.54</u>

Cash deposited in Old Boston National Bank

2,217. -  
28,783.64

## Stock Account -

Mass. Hospital Life Insurance Co	4,000 -
Appleton Land	1,000 -
Bank Stock	30,200 -
170 Shares Lawrence Gas Co.	17,000 -
1 Share Cocheco Co.	300 -
31 Shares Boston & Albany R.R. Co.	3,100 -
220 " Chicago Burlington & Quincy R.R. Co.	22,000 -
396 " Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe R.R. Co. (all paid for but 26 Shares not yet delivered)	37,026 -
11 Shares Fitchburg R.R. preferred	1,034 -
2 " Boston & Lowell R.R.	600 -
Connecticut & Passumpsic Rivers R.R. Bond	1,000 -
Chicago Burlington & Quincy 7 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> % "	7,000 -
4 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> % Denver Extension Bonds	1,500 -
Burlington & Missouri Land Grant Bonds - Springfield	7,000 -
" " in Nebraska	6,000 -
Illinois Grand Trunk R.R.	1,000 -
Boston & Albany " "	7,000 -
Philadelphia, Wilmington & Baltimore R.R. Bonds	4,000 -
Fitchburg " "	8,000 -



Oct. '87	Chicago Kansas Western R. R. Bonds	3,111-
	Income	816-
	Southern Kansas R. R. Bonds	3,384-
	Income	684-
	34/10 blocks Alchison Speka & Santa Fe R. R. Co. under Circular 59	3,400-
	Deposit in Suffolk Savings Bank	5,981.53
	Providence Institution for Savings	2,845.-
		<u>235,481.53</u>

Errors Excepted  
 Sarah C. Paine  
 Treasurer Boston Female Asylum

Adjourned -  
 Mary Anne Hales, Sec.

Nov. '87 The Managers met on Nov. 29. The First and Second Directresses, Treasurer, Secretary and ten Managers were present. The Committee reported that Mrs. Randolph, a widow with one little girl whose relatives could not aid her <sup>had</sup> presented the child for admission. The Comtee had made inquiries about Mrs. Randolph and had not received a favorable impression of her, though nothing very definite was known against her. She seemed a very peculiar person and they hardly expected to see her again. It was however

Voted That if the application is renewed Joan Label Randolph be admitted.

Mrs. Balser of Cambridgeport who was now well married wished to take her two Sisters, Elizabeth Mary Hareliett.

Voted That her request be granted.

Mrs. Fairfield's brother had decided not to take a girl at present, but her friends Mr. & Mrs. Albert Limes of S. Berwick Maine, had made application for Elizabeth Hiscock. Mr. Limes was principal of Berwick Academy and both he & his wife were so warmly recommended by Mrs. Fairfield, that as it was much more convenient to them to take Elizabeth home with them when they were in Boston, the Committee had allowed her to go.

Voted That this act of the Committee is approved by the Board.

Nov. '87 Miss Landers had visited Addie Anderson in Saccarappa, <sup>Alice</sup> ~~Lennie~~ Hanson in Springfield, Stinnie Kirby in Ludlow; she brought reports of all the girls and their places. Excellent accounts were also received of Almira Bowdoin and Lacey Broad.

There had been some trouble from boys' throwing stones against the windows of the Asylum, but the Police Commissioners had been seen by the Trust Directors and the annoyance since then had ceased.

The beds were reported in great need of renewing and the Committee recommended the purchase of Spring beds.

Voted That this purchase be made by the Committee for the next month and that any further arrangements necessary for cleanliness be also made by them.

The Comtee had found that the children would be welcome at the Sunday School of the South Congregational Society though no new accommodations could be had for any except the teachers and a few older girls. They were so averse to lose the benefit of this Sunday School, the sessions of which were held at 12 o'clock, that they had arranged for the children to continue their attendance, giving up their morning Church, instead of which they were to attend afternoon Service at King's Chapel.

Voted That the thanks of the Board be sent to Mr. Tenny for the hospitable reception accorded to the children during Summer and autumn at the New South Church.

The Comtee on the Treasurer's books reported them examined by them and found correct.

The Comtee appointed to ascertain the means of obtaining Legal Guardianship of the children reported so many difficulties and objections in the way of the Scheme that they did not advise attempting it.

Voted To adopt this report with thanks to the Committee.

Mrs. Gould wrote today that her husband refused to sign Thelma Murray's indentures; she would like to sign them in his stead.

Voted That this arrangement be made.

Voted That the Treasurer is empowered to take from the Savings Bank



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and add to the funds of the Asylum a sum of money placed there by her as trustee for Clara Kingsbury. This sum represented the money <sup>(with its interest)</sup> paid many years ago by the person whom Clara was indentured, he having not complied with the conditions of the indenture and thereby having forfeited \$100 to the Asylum. The money had been put in the Bank for Clara in case she should need it, though it in no sense belonged to her. Moreover Clara, who had been sent to Lancaster, had not been heard from for many years.

It was stated that Mary Moran would be eighteen years old on Jan. 1, 1888 and it had been hoped that at that time she might be received into the Hospital for Incurables.

Moved

That Miss Store write to the proper persons and ascertain whether her reception at that time will be possible.

Adjourned.

Mary Anne Hales, Sec.

Dec. 1887

The Managers' monthly meeting was held on Tuesday, Dec. 27. Present the First and Second Directresses, Treasurer, Secretary and Seven Managers.

Moved

That all bills be paid.

Moved

That Mrs. Bullard and Mrs. Tracy be the Committee for the next month.

The Committee reported that spring beds had been purchased and other necessary arrangements for the sleeping rooms made. Several of the employees had petitioned to be provided with this new kind of bed and it was

Moved

That their request be granted and that the Committee decide on the proper disposition to be made of the old feather beds.

The Children had enjoyed their Christmas Tree very much. Presents had been sent them from the Sunday School of the Unitarian Church in Marlboro, which the Secretary was asked suitably to acknowledge.

The Clarke and Katalin Sisters had both gone to their relations according to votes passed at previous meetings.

Dec. '87 Mrs. Jones who had taken Elizabeth Hiscock and with whom  
the girl appeared to have a good and happy home had not  
understood that she was to sign indentures to keep the girl  
until she should know from trial more about her. It was  
Voted That Mrs. Jones have three months' trial of Elizabeth  
Hiscock.

Miss Stone reported having heard from the Hospital for  
Incurables that Mary Moran was Second on their list.  
The Committee appointed to clear out old papers from the  
Secretary in the Managers' Room reported that they had done  
the work which they had been decided to do.

Adjourned -

Mary Anne Hales, Secretary

List of Girls who Completed their apprenticeship in 1886 & 1887

Alice T. Butler - 1886 - Doing well - At Abington -

Ellen M. Avery '86

Annie Salmon - '86 With her relations

Mary Byrne - '87

Mary R. Barker '87 - In Leominster



Jan. '88

The Managers met on Tuesday, Jan. 31.

Present - First & Second Directresses, Treasurer, Secretary, and Ten Managers.

Vote That all bills be paid.

Vote That Mrs. Tracy and Miss Wright be the Comtee for the next month.

Miss Maywell the aunt of Mary Jennet Hiscock, made application for her niece. Her references being excellent, it was

Vote That her request be granted.

Miss Hamilton had been ill a good deal of the month, but as Mrs. Rich and Miss Wiley had divided the teaching no substitute had been needed.

Mrs. Somes wrote today that she wished to return Elizabeth Hiscock, as she was not suited to the place. As Mrs. Rich saw no objection, it was

Vote To receive Elizabeth again into the Asylum.

Mr. Gleason had given up the care of the furnace and it had been necessary to provide a substitute.

Miss Storer reported that the papers had been signed for Mary Mann's admission to the Incurables and that she was probably there now.

The Treasurer reported the receipt of \$300 - a bequest from Mrs. Dr. Grogan, for many years a Manager of the Asylum and requested instructions as to its investment. The bequest had already been acknowledged.

Vote That the money be invested according to the best judgment of the Treasurer.

A letter from Mr. Cram, a real estate agent, with regard to the sale of the Asylum and its removal elsewhere, was read.

Vote That the Secretary inform Mr. Cram that the Managers have at present no intention of moving the Asylum.

Adjourned - Mary Anne Hales, Secy

1855.  
Feb. 28. Sunday.  
The meeting of the Managers was held

First and Second Dismissals, Managers, and  
Finance Managers.

Resolved That all bills be paid

Resolved That Mrs. Arthur Lyman and Mrs. Clarke  
be the committee for the month.

Miss Mista made the official report  
of the death of the teacher, Miss Hamilton,  
which was already known to the Managers.  
According to a recommendation made at  
the last meeting, Miss Wilcox was ap-  
pointed substitute, on trial for three months.  
A Miss Stewart of whom excellent reports  
had been heard was engaged as head  
nurse.

Mrs. Smith of Lowell applied for a girl.  
Her request was refused on the ground  
that we did not wish to put out a girl  
into a city so large as Lowell.

Mrs. Halbrook of Amherst applied for  
a girl but too late for the application to  
be investigated. It was

Resolved That the Committee of the month should  
place a child with Mrs. Halbrook, if it should  
prove a suitable place.

A Mrs. Norton made application for the  
admission of two children belonging to a wo-  
man living with her, whose husband had  
died. The younger was only two years  
old, and no longer for admission. The case  
being brought on a point case, it was

Resolved That Charles Helena Blackman be  
admitted to the asylum.

Mrs. Thompson applied for admission  
of child four years old. There was some doubt  
whether the Council of the Association would  
not take care of it. It was therefore

Resolved That the child be admitted if the committee



one person whose Lillie Beck seemed  
having died of pneumonia suddenly it was  
Voted That Lillie Beck should be returned to  
the layman.

Talents had been sent to the children  
by the Shawmut - Avenue Universalist Church.

The children had greatly enjoyed their Holi-  
day - Washington's Birth-day - at home.

Adjourned.

H. L. Brown, Sec. pro tem.

Managers meeting, Mar. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1858.

Present, First and Second Dismisses, Treasurer  
and seven Managers were present.

Voted That all bills be paid.

Voted That Mrs. Teaw and Mrs. Towell be the  
committee for the next month.

Mr. Judson to Hall of Elliott's, Conn.  
applied for a girl. His references proved  
good, and he cited Lizzie Hiscock. It was  
Voted that Miss Elizabeth Hiscock be bound to  
Mr. & Mrs. Hall.

Application for a young girl, under age  
was made by Mr. & Mrs. Columbus Holbrook  
of Randolph. They wished a young girl, in  
order to begin her education at an earlier  
age than that at which our girls are usually  
bound out. They had seen Grace Johnson, a  
sensible child and were much pleased  
with her. The recommendations were excellent  
and Mrs. Randolph had <sup>before</sup> had her  
to Randolph, to see the place, and the per-  
sons. It was therefore

Voted That Grace Eleanor Johnson be bound to  
Mr. & Mrs. Holbrook.

The mother of Annie Judson had applied  
for her, to live with her in the family in  
which she was at service. There was also a letter  
from Mrs. Stevens with whom <sup>Mrs. Judson</sup> she had been living.



her report - to the - Ann. Rev. Mrs. Hudson was  
very known to the members of the Bay-  
Ann as an incapable woman, it did not  
seem that any one would be really reason-  
able for nominating. It was thought.

Told That the committee of the month make  
further inquiries, and report at the next  
meeting.

Mr. & Mrs. Prineas Buckles of Smithville  
applied for a girl. Their references were good.  
But as none of the managers had seen <sup>it was</sup> them.  
Told That the application be referred to the  
committee of the month.

Applications had also been received from  
Mrs. C. L. Gibson of Pinebluff, Mr. Emil  
Carlson of Bay Ann, and Miss. Pringle of  
Newtonville. As no girl was deemed suitable  
for either of these places, and the places  
themselves did not seem desirable, it was  
Told That these applications be refused.

Told That Miss Brown sign and indorse  
that may be necessary "Mary Anne Wales  
by Ernest L. Brown".

It was reported that Miss Wiley had so  
far proved very satisfactory as a teacher.

As Ellen Allen would be for twenty years  
of age on the sixth of April, it was  
Told That Ellen Allen be named to the same  
from that date, and that in consequence of  
her backwardness at school, that she may  
be permitted to continue for the present.

A very grateful note had been received  
by Miss Myles from the father of Miss  
Compton, thanking the managers for their  
kindness to his daughter, both while she  
was teaching at the Bay Ann and in her cast-  
illness.

Adjourned.

H. L. Brown, Sec. pro. tem.



The Managers met - April 24, 1888.  
Present: First & Second Trustees, Treasurer,  
and eight Managers.

Resolved That all bills be paid.

Resolved That Miss Torrey & Mrs. Pullard be the  
Committee for the month.

Miss Newcome had been engaged as  
head nurse from May 1.

Ellen Allan did not wish to be bound  
to the house, and her brother had offered to  
take her, but it did not seem a good place.  
Resolved It was, that the vote binding Ellen Allan  
to the house be cancelled, and that the  
Committee of the month investigate the  
whole application.

The Committee had seen Mr. & Mrs. Buckley  
of Whitinsville, who desired Carrie Johnston.  
As she was barely twelve years of age, the  
Committee could not promise that they  
should take her, and they had taken  
Pauline Buechner. But after a fortnight's  
experience, Pauline's father had proved so  
troublesome that they declined to keep her,  
and still desired Carrie Johnston. It was  
Resolved that Caroline Johnston be bound to Mr. &  
Mrs. Buckley of Whitinsville, & Pauline be re-  
turned to the Asylum.

The case of Minnie Hudson had been in-  
vestigated. Mrs. Stevens had been heard from  
but did not promise to be responsible.

Mrs. Turvant had been to the Asylum,  
and strongly urged the sending of Minnie to  
her mother.

Resolved That Minnie go to her mother if Mrs. Ste-  
vens will be responsible for her without signing  
instructions.

Application from Mrs. Cott of Malden for a girl.  
Resolved That this application be declined, as it seemed that  
Mr. & Mrs. Cott was much from home.



Many applications had been received for jobs, but the applicants had not followed up their inquiries, and the references were given to the committee for the next month.

Mrs. Lusk had applied for the admission of a blind child, of three years of age, now in the Marcella St. Home.

Toted That this application be left to the next committee.

Lily Brock had gone to Mr. & Mrs. Smith of Woodstock, N. H., which seemed a good place for her, but where she was very homesick.

The Dentist to the Asylum had resigned his position, having no longer any time to devote to it, and had recommended Dr. Rice.

Toted That the business of choosing his successor be left to the committee of the month with full powers.

The bank-tax had not been re-funded for three years, and the sum returned to the Asylum at the end of that time amounted to seventeen hundred dollars, which Mrs. Paine recommended the investment in a mortgage.

Toted. That this money be so invested.

Miss Johnson's watch and chain still remained in the safety-box of the Asylum, and Miss Paine desired that something should be done with it. It was therefore -

Toted That this watch and chain be sold, and the money used to purchase a clock for the Managers' room.

Adjourned.

H. L. Brown,

Secy. for Finance.



Meeting of the Managers, May 29, 1888.  
Present - First & Second Deputies, Treasurer,  
and eight managers.

Told That all bills be paid.

Told That Miss Faine and Miss Brown be the  
Committee for the month.

Told Mrs. Lusk's third child had been admitted.  
Mrs. Harrison, a woman well recommended  
had applied for the admission of two little  
girls of nine and seven, but had not been a  
second time. It was

Told That if Mrs. Harrison applies again, her  
children be admitted.

Mr. & Mrs. Willard Smith of Lunenburg,  
Mass., had applied for a girl, and had given  
references, but as these references were very  
indefinite, it was

Told That this application be refused.

Mr. & Mrs. Foster of South Birmingham  
had applied for a girl, but as the only ref-  
erence obtained was to Mr. Foster's disadvantage  
it was, that this application be refused.

A verbal promise had been received from  
Mrs. Stevens that she would look after Min-  
nie Hudson, and also it was desired that she  
should remain here until the autumn. It was

Told That the Secretary write to Mrs. Stevens that  
the Asylum will keep Minnie till the autumn  
and then if she will write saying she will be  
responsible for her, her mother can take her.

Mrs. Thayer of New North Woodstock had ap-  
plied for a girl for a friend in that town.

Told That this application be left to the com-  
mittee of the month with full powers.

A letter had been received from Mr. Buckley,  
saying that Caroline Johnston had behaved so  
badly that they could not keep her and requesting  
that Pauline Buellman be returned to them. It was

Told That Caroline Johnston be returned and that



Mrs. & Mr. Buckley be told that they can have  
no other girl. It was also

Told That Caroline be furnished as the committee  
shall agree with Mrs. Rich, and that if  
Mrs. Damon still wants a girl to look after  
her little child during the summer, that  
Ernie be sent there, with the promise of  
returning to the Asylum in the autumn,  
if she behaves well.

Miss Paine had had a long talk with  
Mr. Buellner, who had promised not to inter-  
fere with Pauline in any future place.

Miss Paine reported that Mrs. Sharon had  
found another place at North Woodstock for  
Lily Beck, as the former did not prove a suit-  
able one.

Miss Brown reported that Emma Braden  
had, after having been dismissed from her  
place, wandered about for <sup>nearly</sup> three days & nights  
in the woods, and no one knew what had  
become of her. She had been found by the  
constable of Bellisley, and taken to the Refuge  
in Boston, where she will remain for some time.

The subject of church for the children  
coming up, and being fully discussed, it was  
Told That the children be supplied with  
service-books, and go to Kings' Chapel during  
the summer.

The children having been invited to the  
house of their music-teacher, Mr. Johnson  
in Winchester, and having enjoyed their ex-  
cursion extremely, it was

Told That the thanks of the Asylum be  
presented to Mr. Johnson for his kindness to  
the children.

The number of the sheet had been furnished  
on the entrance gates.

Mr. Johnson's watch and chain had been  
exchanged for a very good clock.



New carpeting had been bought to replace <sup>air</sup> that in the sewing-room.

New pillows had also been bought; and the old ones renewed. About half new ones had been purchased. A new floor had been laid in the library, and a new water-tack set in the range.

The committee having found that there was room in the cellar for a year's supply of coal, the matter was left to Mrs. Bullard to make as favorable an arrangement as was possible in regard to so large a purchase.

Dr. Brandman, a dentist in Park Square, recommended by the Dean of the Dental school had consented to attend to the children's teeth at the same rate as Dr. Dater.

The committee had spent much time in the school, and were much pleased with Miss Pilcox. They also liked Miss Newcome very much.

An application from Miss Baker, who had taught the vacation school at the Academy for two years had been received, as she wished to teach here again. Matter referred to the committee of the month.

The committee appointed to inspect the books of the Treasurer found them all correct.

Adjourned.

H. L. Brown,

Sec. pro tem.

Meeting of the Managers, June 26, 1888.  
Present - First & Second Treasurers, Treasurer and  
nine managers.

Toted That all bills be paid

Toted That Miss Paine and Mrs. Bradworth be  
the Committee of the month.

It seemed desirable to record the dentist's  
- Dr. Boardman's - charges, which are \$25-  
cts. for extracting a tooth, and from 75 cts. to  
\$1.00 for filling.

Mrs. Harris's application had been answered  
by sending Nellie Allen to Mr. & Mrs. Man-  
cus Mr. Hall, from whom excellent ac-  
counts had been heard. Mrs. Rich went to  
N. Goodstock with her, and also visited  
Lily Beck, and Ida Brenton, of whom she  
heard very good accounts, and who seemed  
to be very happy.

Application had been received from  
Mrs. C. L. Exford of Williamstown, Mass  
for a girl. The committee had written to  
Mrs. Exford, describing a girl, and giving our  
rules. Mrs. Exford had replied, sending us the  
names of three references and expressing her  
satisfaction with our conditions. It was therefore

Toted That if the references prove satisfactory,  
Alice Nichols be bound to Mr & Mrs. Exford.

Eva Peyton an orphan had been brought  
to the Asylum, by her grandmother & Rev.  
Mr. Butler of Warren St. Chapel. Her  
mother had been formerly heard of, as a  
person of not very good character. The  
child, eight years old, had been running  
round the streets at night, and the Grand-  
mother could not restrain her. The committee  
had admitted her, as the case seemed urgent,  
and it was now

Toted That the action of the committee be con-  
firmed.



Mrs. Nichols, of Charlestown, has applied for the admission of a niece, whose mother was dead, and whose father was worthless.

<sup>Miss</sup> <sup>as time</sup> <sup>had</sup> <sup>been</sup> <sup>in</sup> <sup>investigation</sup> and it was <sup>4</sup> <sup>5</sup> <sup>3</sup> That the application be referred to the committee of the month with full powers.

Miss Foster had been engaged for vacation teacher for four weeks, beginning Aug. 6.

Miss Gilcox had given notice of her resignation as teacher at the end of July.

Miss Lander had also proposed resigning as she needed a long rest. She was willing to return after three months. It was

Noted That Miss Lander have leave of absence for two months beside her usual vacation of a month.

Laura Martin & Lottie Horneisen had been invited to pay a visit of a fortnight to Mrs. Rich's daughter in Leconia. Mary Leach had received an invitation from Mrs. Keith of Brockton to stay a fortnight with her.

Mrs. Case of Boston offered to pay the board of Clara Sumner for four weeks at the Misses Pullis in Boston, and the latter had also given Clara an invitation for a week.

Noted That all these invitations be accepted with thanks.

It appeared that Laura Martin's foot was in a very bad condition and it was

Noted That Mrs. Rich take Laura to the Mass. Gen. Hospital for advice.

Mrs. Saltzman could not let her room to the Asylum after July 1. It was

Noted That the getting of a new place, suitable for girls returned to the Asylum be left to the committee of the month with full powers.

Mrs. Campbell, formerly Miss Sumner had applied to the Stenographer for a recommendation as to her ability as teacher only. It was



Told That Miss Brown write to Miss Loomis that she cannot give her a written recommendation, but that she may refer any one to Miss Brown, to tell the whole story.

A very unfavorable report had been received from Lavinia Crockett, and she will have to be removed from her place.

The children had been on a pic-nic to Downer's Landing, which they had enjoyed in spite of rather unfavorable weather.

H. L. Brown,  
Sec. pro tem.

1888

July.

The monthly meeting was held July 31.  
Present: Second Director, Treasurer and eight Managers were present.

Told

That all bills be paid.

Told

That Mrs. A. S. Lyman and Mrs. Robbins be the committee for the month.

It was reported that Lavinia Crockett was to remain with Mrs. Perry, who had decided to give her further trial.

The child - Susie Baker - applied for last month by Mrs. Nickle had been admitted, and proved to be a nice little girl.

The references from Mrs. Charles L. Lyford did not prove satisfactory - she being invalid, so the committee had not sent Mrs. Nichols.

Application for a girl had been received for a girl from Mrs. C. C. Grant, Concord Mass. It was

Told

That this application be referred to the committee of the month with full powers.

Mrs. C. P. H. Clark of Mendon Village N. H. had applied for a girl. But as it seemed that



She had two sons not much older than  
any girl we could send, it was  
Voted That the application of Mrs. St. Clair  
be refused.

Minnie Jackson's mother wanted her the  
first of August, and Mrs. Stevens having  
given the required written promise to look  
after her, it was voted -

Voted That Minnie Jackson go to her mother.  
Mrs. E. L. Willard of New London had  
applied for a girl, the day before. It was

Voted That this application be referred to the  
Committee of the month with full powers.  
It was

Voted That an invitation to go to Marlborough  
for the day, be accepted by the children.

Instances of insubordination on the part  
of Miss Brentt - the sewing teacher - having  
come to the knowledge of the managers, it was

Voted That the Secretary write to Miss Brentt,  
and tell her that her services will not be  
required after her vacation, which begins  
this week.

Miss Wilcox, having taken Mrs. Rich's place  
during the vacation of the latter, in addi-  
tion to her teaching, it was

Voted That Miss Wilcox receive a gratuity of \$15.00  
Lana Martin's foot had been operated upon,  
and she was recovering.

A room had been found for girls re-  
turned to the asylum, with Mrs. Paine,  
Jt. General St.

Miss Wilcox had recommended Miss Paine  
Johnson as her successor. Miss Paine had been  
in correspondence with her, and had received  
very satisfactory references. It was therefore

Voted That the matter of engaging Miss Johnson as  
teacher be left to Miss Paine and com. of month, with  
full powers. Adjourned, H. L. Brown, Sec. pro. tem



A meeting of the Managers was held Aug. 28, 1888. Present, Second Director, Treasurer and six managers.

Told That all will be said.

Told That Mrs Robbins & Miss Paine be committee for the first-half of the month, and Mrs. Robbins and Mrs. Lewis for the last-half.

A note had been received from the Secretary Miss Wales, resigning her position, as her recovery was so slow. It was

Told That the Sec. pro. tem. write to Miss Wales, asking her to withdraw her resignation, and to wait another year before sending it in.

Miss Johnson, the teacher spoken of and at the last meeting, had been seen by the committee and engaged. Her appearance and ideas of teaching had been much liked, though she seemed very young.

The committee had been disappointed in their efforts to procure a sewing-teacher, but they had one recommended, with an excellent reference. This woman, having presented herself in the course of the meeting, and herself bringing two good references, it was

Told That Miss Mary Rantline be engaged as sewing teacher.

Mabel and Luella Stone had come to the asylum; but the older girl Mabel seemed stunted in her growth, and the younger sister said she had had fits. It was therefore

Told That Miss Brown write to Miss Higgins, who applied to put the children into the Asylum, and say that if the child should prove unhealthy or incapable, she will be returned at the expiration of three months.

Mrs. Julia Tugghen applied for the admission of her niece, Edith Turner. Her mother had gone to Iowa, had not been heard from for three years, and was supposed to be dead. Her



father belonged to a circus company, and had done nothing for the child for some years. It was  
Voted That Edith Turner be admitted.

Mrs. Jackson applied for the admission of her child, nearly five years of age. The child is an invalid, and the father a very bad man in the insane hospital. Mrs. Jackson's references were excellent, and it was

Voted That Mary Norton Jackson be admitted.

The references in the case of Mr. & Mrs. E. L. Willard of Ayer, who had applied for a girl late last month, not having proved satisfactory the committee had written to them, declining to send a girl.

The application of Mrs. Charles Grant of Concord for a girl was also referred to the committee. They had found the slave desirable in many respects, but as a hired boy was employed by the family it was

Voted That this application be refused.

Mr. & Mrs. D. C. Bridsell, of Hartford Connecticut had applied through Mrs. J. W. Andrews for a girl. Mrs. Andrews, being well known & concerned in works of active benevolence in Dr. Hale's church, her recommendation seemed a very good one, and it was

Voted That Alice Nichols be bound to Mr & Mrs. Bridsell.

Lizzie Misock had been returned from her place, as the woman to whom she was bound had taken a great dislike to her. Mrs. Sears, her guardian, had seen Rev. A. C. Forbes, of Lee, N. H., and his wife, and had liked their appearance. Their recommendations were also good, and Mrs. Sears thought it best to send Lizzie there.

Mr. & Mrs. William Stewart, of Avon, Mass. had seen Grace Johnson, at Philadelphia, and were desirous of obtaining a girl as young for adoption.



They had seen the children of the Asylum,  
and their choice had fallen on May Cogswell  
an almost friendless child. Mr. & Mrs. Stan-  
art were highly recommended by the persons  
who had taken Grace Johnson, and they also  
sent other references. It seemed important  
that some one of the Managers should  
see the place, and Mrs. Arthur Lyman  
offered to do so, upon which it was

Folded That May Cogswell go to Mr. & Mrs. Stan-  
art if the place seems to Mrs. Lyman, a good one.

There had been received from Mary Br-  
adison, and from Mrs. Cory, her employer, of  
Lyons River, Vermont, stating that Mary  
was ill, and had a bump on her neck  
which at times gave her great pain, and  
affected her nerves. Two doctors had been con-  
sulted, but Mary had not improved, and  
Mrs. Cory thought she ought to have other  
advice. Miss Filcox had been sent up for  
her by her guardian Mrs. Clarke, and she  
had been brought to the Mass. Gen. Hos., where  
her neck had been operated upon. She is now  
in the convalescent ward, and the physician  
thought she would be fit to go out to-  
morrow. It having been suggested that Mary  
may need a week or two more in the com-  
munity, it was

Folded That the matter be left to Mrs. Clarke  
with full powers. It was also

Folded That if Mrs. Cory wants another girl  
now, Mrs. Rich and Mrs. Clarke shall decide  
upon the girl.

The Managers were much pleased with  
the kindness and consideration Mrs. Cory had  
shown for Mary, and Miss Filcox had been  
much pleased with the place.

Mrs. Walker, Miss Colburn's aunt, having  
bought a farm in the country again wished to



late Ly. It was accordingly  
Told that Mrs. Walker take Lizzie Goddard with the distinct understanding that she is not to be returned to the Lyfane.

The Melham Beals of ~~Amherst~~ Amherst, N.H. applied for her children, Maud & Minnie Lockman. As Mrs. Beals had been represented at the time of the admission of these children, as an exceedingly bad woman, it was  
Told that this request be refused.

Minnie Hudson went to her mother early in the month; and the afternoon before the meeting, a distressing letter had been received from Mrs. Stevens, who had promised to have the oversight of Minnie, saying that Mrs. Hudson had left her service, and taken Minnie with her. Mrs. Collins offered to write to Mrs. Stevens, and ascertain if Minnie could be recovered, and it was

Told that if Minnie Hudson can be recovered she shall be taken to Mrs. Francis and a place found for her.

Luna Martin and Lottie Townsend were to go to evening school to Lane Brook-keeping. Some of the Managers were much opposed to having them go out in the evening without some older person with them and it was

Told that no girl under eighteen go out after dark, alone, or with a girl of near her own age, but that such girl or girls shall always be accompanied by some decidedly older person.

The vacation school was progressing and the children had much enjoyed their visit to Marlborough.

Adjourned.

H. L. Brown, Secy. pro tem.



The usual monthly meeting was held Sept. 25, 1888.

Present: First and Second Directories, Treasurers, and eight Managers.

Voted

That all bills be paid.

Voted

That Miss Florio and Mrs. Clarke be the Committee for next month.

The Committee for the last month reported that Miss Johnson did not seem very satisfactory as yet; but that some short-comings might be due to the removal of her surroundings. Miss Hankin promises well in her position as sewing teacher.

Minnie Hudson had gone to live with a Mrs. Webster, mother of a Mrs. Studevant; who was interested in the cause, and as it seemed to be a good place, nothing further was done by the Committee.

Mary Frances Cogswell had gone to Iowa, as Mrs. Arthur Leman had visited the place, and approved of it.

Letters had been received from Alice Nichols and Lizzie Throck. The former was very homesick, and the latter, happy and pleased with her new home.

Mary Jackson and Edith Turner had come to the asylum.

Mrs. Harvey had applied for the admission of Elizabeth Holmes, seven or eight years of age. Elizabeth is an illegitimate child, and the mother having married, the child is very badly treated by the step-father.

Voted

That Elizabeth Holmes be admitted.

Application for <sup>the admission of</sup> a Colver's child had been received. The father was in the National Asylum Home in London, and incurable, and the mother unable to support the child.

Voted

That this child be admitted, if the references prove satisfactory.



Fannie Lowell's mother renewed her application for her child, through her present-husband, who sent very good references, and promised to do well by the little girl. The mother now Mrs. Brown had applied in March, 1847, and had been refused. No grounds of such refusal were recorded, but the impression seemed to prevail among the managers that she was not of sound mind. Miss True agreed to see Mrs. Brown, and investigate the case and it was

Noted That this application be left to the committee of the month with full powers.

Mrs. Johnson had made application for the admission of two children, but too late in the month for the investigation of the case

Noted That this application be referred to the committee of the month.

Edith Gibson's sister, married, and living in New Bedford had applied for her. As this seemed to be a good and suitable arrangement, it was voted

Noted That Edith Gibson go to her sister.

Mrs. Mansfield of Taunton applied for a girl. Her references did not seem sufficient, and the matter was

Noted That the matter be referred to the committee of the month with full powers.

Pauline Buelton wrote a formal note, and desired to be bound to the house. As she is of rather a light and lifting nature, it was thought that a term of probation might steady her, and it was

Noted That Pauline Buelton be put on probation for three months, with the promise of being bound to the house at the end of that time, if her conduct prove satisfactory.

Mary Anderson still continues in poor health and is boarding at Mrs. Holson's. It was

Noted To leave all arrangements concerning



Mrs. Anderson, to her guardian, Mrs. Clarke.

Mrs. Bullard reported that she had received a letter from Theresa Murray, and also from Mrs. Gould her employer. That from Theresa was rare, and contained a confession of having taken things which did not belong to her.

Mrs. Gould wrote that she was to come to Boston early in October, and feared she should be obliged to bring Theresa with her. Mrs. Bullard was advised to write to Mrs. Gould, and try to induce her to keep Theresa.

A note had been received from Miss Wales, consenting to withdraw her resignation, and to wait - till the end of the winter, before taking any action.

Elizabeth Goldthwaite's aunt had not yet taken her from the Asylum.

The little children of Concord, Mass., had sent a barrel, and a bushel of Apples to the Asylum. Mrs. Arthur Blake, and Mrs. Theodore Lyman had sent pears.

Mrs. Arthur Lyman presented an invitation from St. George's Chapel for the children to worship there the coming year. A long discussion followed, and no result was reached, except that  
J. L. L.

That the Secretary write to Rev. Dr. Hulse, expressing the regret of the Managers that the plan by which the children attended the Sunday School at his church, and the church services at another church, had not proved a successful one, and that they should be obliged to have them attend church and Sunday School at the same church.

Respectfully

H. L. Froug

Sec. Bro. Com.



October, 1881. The Annual Meeting of the Boston Female  
Asylum was held, Oct. 30, at 10.30 A. M.

The services were conducted by Rev. Dr. C.  
C. Hale, who baptized four children, Mabel  
Frances Stone, Sarah Edgley Stone, Mary  
Storrs Jackson, and Martha Helena Chatterjee.

The following report was read by the Sec-  
retary, W. L. Linn.

The records of the eighty-eighth year of  
the existence of the Boston Female Asylum  
differ but little from those of the preceding  
years. The progress of thought, which has been  
as great in the direction of philanthropy as  
in all others, has modified, year by year, in this  
place, the modes of discipline, of living, and even  
of dress; but these modifications are not suffi-  
ciently perceptible to form a matter of record  
from year to year.

Like all societies, we are occasionally  
unrigned before the law of public opinion;  
and within a few months we have ~~had two~~  
been asked two questions, which it may be as  
well to answer here. The first was, why, in spite  
of modern enlightenment do we persist in col-  
lecting our children in one large home, instead  
of distributing them in two or three smaller  
ones? To which we reply that we are so fully  
persuaded as any caviller can be, of the supe-  
rior moral advantages of smaller homes, but  
the time is not yet ripe for us to make a change.  
We are doing, we feel assured, a certain amount  
of good to many children, which, under present  
circumstances, must be intermitted or suspend-  
ed, did we now undertake to satisfy the full  
requirements of the time; but we are confident  
that in some not very remote future, we shall  
see clearly the way to bring this institution pre-  
sently into the line of progression.



It seems good to be informed of the  
progress of your little ones. "We  
see that we can answer this question with  
satisfaction and pleasure. For the last twenty  
years at least - one half have done really  
well. One, who left us some years since is master  
of an institution in another city; three or four  
have been, and one is now a teacher in this very  
asylum, while still another is now employed  
in the care and oversight of the children here;  
many are married and have the care of their  
own households; others are raising comfortable  
families, and many younger ones give excellent  
promise. One quarter of the whole, perhaps, is  
truly well, and earn in honest, if a not al-  
together satisfactory livelihood; while in the  
remaining quarter, which includes those of  
whom we have lost sight, must be reckoned  
the few whom we have reason to fear are lead-  
ing wretched or disorderly lives.

Thus encouraged, we feel that this house  
does not open its doors in vain, and that our  
efforts to render a good account of our steward-  
ship are not unsuccessful.

<sup>Thirteen</sup>  
~~to the~~ children have left the house this  
year, of whom eight have gone to parents or  
relatives. Nine have been admitted, making our  
present number seventy-four. We have great cause  
for gratitude in the good health of the children.  
For two years no epidemic has visited them, nor  
have they suffered from any disorders more serious  
than ~~some~~ <sup>few</sup> common ones.

We should be guilty of a great omission, did  
we not allude to a loss which the children  
have sustained - that of their church, with its  
pastors and Sunday School. The new Methodist  
Church was not large enough to contain its  
own parish, and that of the South Congregational



Society, at the time of the removal of the  
Latter, last autumn; but so strong was the  
attachment of the children to their Sunday  
School, that an arrangement was made by  
which they attended that Sunday School,  
and the public worship of no other church.  
in town was found to make Sunday a day  
of terror and confusion instead of a day of  
rest, and its future has forced the managers  
to the painful conclusion that the thing and  
pleasant too must be saved.

We also must recall the great regret of  
the managers at the illness of their Secretary.  
Her services to the system have been so useful  
and so long continued that it would be diffi-  
cult to fill her place, and we can only hope  
most sincerely that another year may enable  
her to resume her office.

We must close our report without  
rendering our thanks to the mission, and to  
all employed in the house, who try to make  
it indeed a home, and to implant in the  
hearts of the children the principles of truth,  
love, and mutual helpfulness.

The prizes were distributed by the Past-  
ors as follows:

Grand Book as the most-reading girl	\$5.00
Margaret R. McConick as the best little girl	5.00
Annie S. Martin for	Selfishness 5.00
Charlotte C. Hoovenden "	" & general care 5.00
Ada W. Black "	Trustworthiness 5.00
Annie Hanson "	Faithfulness in work 5.00
Jessie Hampstead as a	Writing paper 5.00
Margaret D. Curran "	Good Girl 5.00
Anna S. Johnson for	Obedience 5.00

The following girls were thought worthy of  
honorable mention:

Catherine Rice, for Industry & helpfulness.  
 Mary Ellen Bradley, " Excellence in conduct.  
 Eliza Swenson, " Industry & good conduct.  
 Bella Jane Reid, " Good Conduct.  
 Lizzie C. Smith, " Improvement.  
 Catherine Davis, as a Good Little Girl.  
 Maud Cortum, for Helpfulness.  
 Annie La Brie, " Helpfulness.  
 Helena A. Gibson for Good Scholarship.

The Exercises consisted of Recitations and  
 Annals by the children, and at address by Rev.  
 Dr. Hale, Rev. H. F. Hoote & Rev. Geo. H. Conz.  
 After these were over, Dr. Hale pronounced the  
 benediction and invited subscribers to meet in  
 the Managers' room.

The following list of officers and managers  
 was elected, the officers also being chosen as  
 managers.

First-Directress,	Mrs. Theodore Lyman.
Second Directress,	Miss Abby M. Storr.
Treasurer,	Miss Sarah C. Paine.
Secretaries	Miss Mary Anne Wales.
Managers.	
Mrs. F. W. Tracy.	Mrs. Eliot C. Clarke
Mrs. P. H. Sears.	Mrs. J. Randolph Cook.
Mrs. Otis Bullard.	Mrs. Arthur J. Lyman
Miss Marianne Paine.	Miss M. C. Miller.
Mrs. Chandler Robbins.	Mrs. A. Lawrence Smith.
Miss Eunet C. Brown.	Mrs. W. H. Bradworth.

Rev. Dr. Hale came into the Managers' room  
 after the election of managers, to speak of a  
 "blow which he had thought might hurt the  
 needs of the Museum evidence with regard to  
 a church, after which he would  
 meeting of the Managers was held.



...Learners' ...  
...and in Normagues.

That all bills be paid.

That Mrs. Lowell and Miss Brown be the  
Committee for the month.

Mrs. Brown had been to see Dr. Brown, the  
mother of Grace Lowell, and saw no reason why  
she should not take her child. Grace had been  
for some time to her mother.

Elizabeth Gibson had also gone to her sister.

Elizabeth Hunter had come to the ...

An application received last month for a girl  
from Mrs. Mansfield had been refused, as the  
references did not prove satisfactory.

An application for a girl had been received  
from Mrs. Henry Wheeler of Concord Mass,  
and the committee were instructed to investi-  
gate the case.

Mrs. Kings' eyes were reported to be still very  
unserviceable. She had been to Dr. Brewster  
with Emma Martin, who had not obtained  
sufficient information with regard to her treat-  
ment, how much she might be able to expect.

That the inquiries in regard to Mary Kings  
eyes be left to the committee of the month.

The report of Annie Hook had been long  
for the ... some months since. She was  
now very ill, with what the physicians sup-  
posed to be her last illness, and as the child  
could not be properly cared for, Mrs. ...  
applied to have her received again into the ...

That this request be granted.

The subject of the children's church being  
brought up for a final decision, it appeared  
that the impression with regard to the probable  
quality of the teachers in the New South ...  
... as Mrs. Brown had made in-  
quiries. She had also written to the ...

Committee of the Second Church, to see if  
some number of religious people could be found  
for the children, but had been unsuccessful  
in the negative. Mr. Hales' plan was still too  
much in embryo to be embraced for the pres-  
ent - at least, and it was

Told To accept the invitation of Kings Chapel,  
and to allow the children to attend Sunday  
School and afternoon service there. It was

Told That a letter of thanks be sent to Mr. Har-  
low the music teacher, for his services.

Mrs. Clarke reported that Mary Anderson  
was not much better, and a letter from Mrs.  
Long her employer, was read.

Told The Treasurer's report was read, and it was  
Told That this report be accepted.

Told That Mrs. Prulland and Mrs. Lowell be a  
committee to examine the Treasurer's books.

Three barrels of apples had been received.  
Mrs. Charles E. Stone, which had been  
acknowledged. Some little changes had been  
made in the diet of the children, and the  
committee thought the cooking very satisfac-  
tory, but were not at all satisfied with the  
cooking, and wished the next committee to  
follow up the investigations which they had  
begun. The teaching of Miss Johnson in arith-  
metic was found particularly unsatisfactory.  
The managers' room had been repapered and the  
children's room had been re-papered, and the  
committee had had furniture repaired and  
made a number of purchases.

Adjourned.

H. L. Stone, Secy.  
Treasurer's Report.

Cash on hand, Dec. 17, 1887

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## Received Income.

Interest - Mass. Hospital Life Ins. Co.	1600.
" " " " " " " "	70.
Dividends on Bank Stock	30 <sup>00</sup>
Interest on Bank Loans refunded by the State	874.32.
Dividends on Railroad Stock	4182.50.
Interest on " " Bonds	3577.00
Interest on payments of	
Atchison Subscriptions	107.67
Dividends Lawrence Ins. Co.	1500.00
Subscriptions	<u>98.00</u>

14,857.49.

## Received on account of Principal

Rec'd from executor of Mrs. Cyrus Frothingham	1500.
" " executors of Mrs. Mary C. de Begor	1500.
" " Sale of 1 share Old Boston Natl Bank C.	
Gift from the Provident Institution for Savings amount received from Mrs. Benjamin Howard, to whom Clara Frioque had loaned, with interest -	256.58
National Bank pay rebate for 1885 & 1886	1160.87

2,482.25

19,552.74

## Expenses chargeable to Income.

Provisions	\$4,497.31
Salaries & Wages	4.11
Clothing	8877.68
Furniture	552.54
Repairs	334.24
Incidental	650.37
Rent	1034.19
Money to the Mission for use of Dispensary	500.00
Board of Children	246.15
Insurance	122.50
Trifles	<u>50.00</u>
	12,777.75-

Payments on account of Principal.

Paid for \$2000 Oregon Short-Line 6% Bonds	\$1980.
" " " " " "	26.83
" for note & mortgage of C. J. Odenweller	1500.00
	<u>3511.33</u>
Expenses brought-forward	12779.75
	<u>16291.28.</u>
Cash deposited in Old Boston Nat'l Bank	3261.46
	<u>\$9,552.79</u>

Stock Account.

Mass. Hospital Life Insurance Co.	40,000.
" " " " Appleton Fund	1,000
" " " " "	20,120
170 Shaws Lawrence Gas Co.	17,000
1 Cocheco Co.	432.50
31 Boston & Albany R. R. Co.	3,100.
220 Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R. R. Co	2,100.
396 Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe " "	24,948.
11 Kitchburg R. R. preferred	847.
6 Boston & Lowell R. R. Co.	500.
Connecticut & Passumpsic River R. R. Bond	1,000.
Chicago, Burlington & Quincy 7% "	7,000.
\$2000 4% Denver Extension Bonds	1,800
Burlington & Miss. Land Grant Bond Spring Field	7,000
" " " in Nebraska	6,000
Illinois Grand Trunk R. R.	1,000
Boston & Albany	7,000
Philadelphia Baltimore & Wilmington R. R. Bond	1,000
Kitchburg R. R. Bonds	1,000
\$6,000 Chicago Kansas & Nebraska 1st Mortgage	6,000
3,400 " " " Income	1,088.
3600 Southern Kansas, 1st Mortgage	3,600
" " " Income	800.
3400 Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Col. Trust.	3,060.
Oregon Short-Line R. R. Bonds	2,000
Deposit in Suffolk Springs Bank	5,981.53
" " " " " "	2,500.
Note & Mortgage of C. J. Odenweller	2,000.00



Errors Excepted,  
Susan C. Paine  
Treasurer Boston Female Asylum.

1888.

November The monthly meeting of the Managers was held  
Nov. 27. Present: First & Second Directresses, Treasurer,

Voted That and eight managers.

Voted That all bills be paid

That - Mrs. Lowell & Mrs. Bradworth be the  
committee for the month.

The report concerning Mary King's eyes was  
confirmed by Miss Torrey, who had been to see  
Dr. Bradworth. Mrs. Rich had been to the  
Blind Asylum to see if any of the special  
instruction there could be given to Mary here,  
and Mr. Magnos had promised to come and  
see Mary.

Jennie Hicock's Aunt had returned here, and  
there would seem to have been some mis-  
representation with regard to the aunt's ill-  
ness, as the woman left Jennie here herself,  
and had been out - sending the report.

Lizzie Goldthwaite had gone.

Mrs. Davis of South Lee, N. H. had  
applied for a girl. As her references were ex-  
cellent, and she did not want a girl of fourteen

Voted That Margaret Selony be bound to Mr. & Mrs.  
Davis.

Mrs. Brown of Northumberland - or rather of  
Middletown, N. H. - a town near N. H., had  
applied for a girl. Though the place seemed  
well, the distance was thought to be too great.

Voted That this application be refused.

Mrs. R. D. Southwell of Reading applied for  
a girl, but as she had two little children, it was

Voted To refuse Mrs. Southwell's application, as we  
had no girl sufficiently trustworthy to leave  
with little children.



Mr. & Mrs. Mac Nab of Lunenburg also applied  
for a girl, through their daughter, Mrs.  
Sutherland. Mr. & Mrs. Mac Nab were old peo-  
ple, and their son not seen or suitable  
for this place. It was therefore  
Toted That Mrs. & Mrs. Mac Nab's application be  
refused.

Mrs. Howe, <sup>a widow</sup> applied to put in two children  
of nine and five. As they were now in the  
Pickerson home, and she was in arrears with  
their board. She worked in a cloak-room,  
but the work was irregular and she earned  
too little even when she could get work  
that she could not keep the children. Her  
reference showed her to be an honest wo-  
man and it was

Toted That the children of Mrs. David P. Howe  
be admitted to the Asylum.

Mrs. Groves, <sup>a widow</sup> applied for the admission of  
a little girl of nine. She had two children  
— could earn three dollars a week, and was  
going to try to pay the boy's board. Her ref-  
erence confirmed her statement, and further  
added that she was broken in health from  
hard work. It was

Toted That Leila Maud Groves be admitted

Mrs. C' Brinn applied for the admission  
of her two children of five and four. Her hus-  
band was dead, and she had still another  
child younger than these little ones. A lady  
with whom she was at service before mar-  
riage gave so good an account of her, <sup>it was</sup> that

Toted That the <sup>two</sup> children of Mrs. C' Brinn be  
admitted.

Miss Lundess had been to see Fiddie An-  
derson, Annie Smith, and Alice Hanson. Of the  
two former she brought excellent accounts, but  
Alice Hanson is not doing well. Her mother is  
in constant correspondence with her, and expects



a new had influence over her.

Mrs. Nichols had also been making trouble with Alice, in her place. Alice, in a fit of despatch had misrepresented her situation to her mother, and Mrs. N. had written Mrs. Birdsall a very impudent letter. Alice's guardian Miss Brown, had written to the child, and had received a very good letter from her, acknowledging that she wrote when she was vexed, and confessing that she was not ill. Treated. Miss Brown had also written to Mrs. Birdsall and to Mrs. Nichols requesting her not to interfere with Alice. It seemed best to the managers, that a personal investigation be made, and it was

Told That Mrs. Rich go to Hartford, and find out all she can about the place.

Mrs. Bullard reported that Theresa Murray was doing better, and that her thefts had consisted in the pilfering of eatables.

Miss She committed sided the teacher very much. The only fault they found with her was that she helped the children out too much in their recitations. She was told this frankly, and promised to try to correct it.

The committee reported that some girls of eleven and twelve sat in the front desks which were much too small for them. The question was whether they could not sit further back or whether alteration should be made in the desks. It was

Told That this matter be left to the committee of the month with full power.

The fence of the front yard is much out of repair, and after a discussion of various plans, it was

Told That Mrs. Bullard make inquiries as to the best way of mending it, and the expense, and report at the next meeting.

Anna Martin and Eliza Brown wished to draw \$5.00 each from their prize money, to pay for the hire of a type-writer two months. It was

*Resolved* That Eliza Paine be authorized to pay these girls \$5.00 each, for the above purpose.

Mrs. Lowell had found that a horse-car could be hired for \$3.00 a Sunday, which would stand on a dicker in Scollay Square, at 5 P. M., and take the children home from church. It was

*Resolved* That this arrangement be made during the months of December and January.

Mr. Thomas had given the Asylum some top-dressing for the grass, and it was

*Resolved* That the thanks of the Asylum be presented to Mr. Thomas.

A large packing case of nice wooden toys had been received from Mr. L. W. Brooks of Leominster, and three pieces of gingham from Mr. Harcourt - Agent of the

Mills. The Committee had returned thanks for these acceptable gifts.

The Committee had bought out-side garments, ginghams, and mittens. A dozen new hats had also been purchased.

Adjourned.

H. L. Brown,

Sec. Ass. Sec.



1888. The monthly meeting of the Managers.  
December. was held Wed. Dec. 25, as the usual day for  
the meeting fell on Christmas Day. Present:  
Miss Ducloux, Treasurer, & ten Managers.

Resolved That all bills be paid

Resolved That Miss Lorr & Mrs. Clarke be the  
committee for the month.

Lizzie Goldthwaite had been returned. Her  
sunt had had a stroke of paralysis, and  
was unable to keep her.

The children of Mrs. Howe had come.

Mrs. Gross's child had been placed in another  
asylum.

Mrs. O'Brien's children had eczema in the  
head, and could not be admitted at present.

Resolved That the committee of the month find a  
suitable place, and that the Asylum board  
these children until they have recovered.

Resolved That a car be hired for the children to  
go as well as return from church, on every  
Sunday.

It was reported that circumstances had  
occurred which prevented the ladies who had  
applied from taking Maggie DeLong.

Mrs. Rich had seen to see Alice Nichols.  
She reported that the place was a good one,  
but the treatment rather strict. Alice was  
not ill-treated, but considered as a servant.

A satisfactory account had been received  
of Mrs. Tully, who applied last month for  
the admission of a child, but whose refer-  
ences could not be found, and it was

Resolved That Alice Eva Tully be admitted.

Mrs. Dickering of Newington, who has had  
three girls, applied for a fourth. It was

Resolved That Mrs. Dickering be asked to try, Thomas  
Murray, who is to be returned from his place.

Mrs. Nixon applied for the admission of  
a girl of nine. Mrs. Nixon is a seamstress, and



same, and her husband has deserted her. He also has an old mother to support. It was  
Voted That Mrs. Dixon's girl of nine be admitted  
Mr. & Mrs. Boyer of Wollaston applied for  
a girl. There was only one definite recommen-  
dation, and it was

Voted That this application be refused.

Voted That if a suitable place offered for Mag-  
gie Thomson, the committee of any month  
with the first Directress may allow her to go.

Mrs. Thompson of <sup>Dorchester</sup> ~~Dorchester~~ applied for a  
girl. Her house was directly opposite a fac-  
tory, and she had a large heavy baby. It was

Voted That this application be refused.

Mrs. Ritter of Dorchester applied for a  
girl. Her references were excellent, and it  
was so

Voted That Miss Marianne Paine visit this  
place, and if she considers it suitable that  
Pauline Bonnet be bound to Mrs. Ritter.

Mrs. D. W. Genish of Rochester applied  
for a girl. The place seemed a good one,  
and it was

Voted That Maggie Thomson be offered to Mrs.  
Genish, but if she will not take her, then  
Maggie Bradley be bound to her without  
waiting for the next meeting.

Mrs. Lyman had had two letters from  
Mrs. Fairfield, who is very much troubled  
with Alice Hanson. Mrs. Lyman had seen  
Mrs. Masury, who had promised not to send  
Alice any more money, and not to interfere  
with her.

Mrs. Bullard reported that Mrs. Gould re-  
fused to keep Theresa Murray, giving an added  
report of impertinence.

Mrs. Sears had had a report from Lizzie  
Hiscock who was doing well.

Good reports had also been received from



Grace Johnson, Mary Cogswell, and Ellen Allan.  
Miss Brown gave a good report of Lizzie  
Broad, whose time is nearly up. Mrs. Clarke  
had had a long letter from Mrs. Cong about  
Mary Anderson, whom she represents as being  
still in a very poor state of health.

Mrs. Bullard reported that new bars were  
preparing for the iron fence, and that the  
maker had recommended a wire netting  
of greater strength.

Mrs. Blake had sent two barrels of apples,  
which had been acknowledged.

Adjourned.

H. L. Brown.

Sec. pro. tem.

Omitted.

New copies of the little pamphlet  
containing an account of the Asylum being  
needed, it was thought that a revision of  
the book was needed, and it was

Resolved

That a committee consisting of Mrs.  
Stor, Miss S. C. Paine and Miss Brown  
be a committee to make this revision, and  
report at the next meeting.

Girls here in 1888.

Mary Swan - in the Home for Incubables  
Dorchester. Heart disease.

Annie Leach. Learning dress-making  
Fanny Byers. Working with dress-maker.

Ida Brenton. Still at her place with  
Mrs. Darling, North Woodstock, and  
hoping to fit for a nurse.

Mercena Aitken. Ran away from her  
place, and is living with a relative.



















